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Reagan launches new offensive on unfair trade

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From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Reagan Administration, reacting to a groundswell of domestic protectionist pressures, yesterday unveiled a three-pronged trade programme described as one of the policy centre-pieces of the President's second term.

In a White House address to business leaders, President Ronald Reagan reaffirmed his commitment to free trade but placed a new emphasis on the unfair trade practices of other nations which he vowed to fight with all available resources.

He will ask Congress to approve a new $300 million (£210 million) "war chest" to fight the unfair subsidies of other nations. At the same time, Mr Reagan said he was creating a federal "strike force" to identify the unfair trade practices of other nations and counter them in kind.

He also said he would put pressure on Japan to implement its newly announced market-opening measures by setting a specific timetable for action. He charged Mr George Schultz, the Secretary of State, with the task of negotiating a time limit which the Administration has tentatively set for December 1, officials said.

Mr Reagan's new emphasis on trade policy and the tougher tone from the White House on unfair trade practices is meant to head off the passage of highly-protectionist legislation now under consideration by Congress.

White House officials said yesterday that much of the programme's success will depend on help from other industrial nations, particularly Britain, West Germany and Japan.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the new US trade representative, placed emphasis on the decision by the group of five industrial nations to intervene jointly to bring down the dollar and to coordinate their economic programmes.

Mr Yeutter said the most important aspect of the agreement in reducing the US trade deficit, projected at $150 billion this year, will be "what actions these countries are prepared to take to stimulate their own economies."

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In an accompanying "white paper" issued by the White House, the Administration said it wanted other nations to act on their commitment at the Bonn summit to strengthen their economies but not by "old-fashioned pump-priming" increases.

The Administration wants important policy shifts in Europe and Japan such as spending and tax reductions, resource reallocation and financial market liberalization. All of those "will permanently increase growth opportunities". This was discussed by central bankers and finance ministers at the special Group of Five meeting in New York

The trade plan, which was criticized by some congressmen as too little, too late, is three-pronged, according to Mr Yeutter.

It attacks unfair trade practices with specific measures. It includes incentives for promoting US exports and opening markets.

Mr Reagan said in his address: "I want the American people and our trading partners to know that we will take all the action that is necessary to pursue our rights and interest in international commerce. I believe that if trade is not fair for all, then trade is not free."

The programme announced by the White House would do the following:

● Enhance the powers of the US trade representative to take action against the unfair practices of other nations.

● Place new emphasis on export promotion and incentives.

● Take action to help unemployed workers in outdated industries find new jobs through retraining.

● Seek authority from Congress to engage with US trading partners in a new round of trade negotiations.

● Work with Congress in fashioning new, comprehensive trade legislation in this session. This will include special measures to protect intellectual property rights patented under US laws.

In addition, the US said it was prepared to host an important monetary meeting of the group of 10 industrialized nations to review policies and make additional recommendations.



The Prime Minister hand in hand with Nevsi the chimpanzee at Regent's Park Zoo on her way to a reception given by the Zoological Society of London yesterday.

Rainbow Warrior evidence 'missing'

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Vital documents in the French foreign intelligence service's dossier on the Greenpeace affair have been destroyed, according to a report yesterday by the official news agency, Agence France-Presse, quoting authoritative sources.

The sources claimed that M Paul Quilès, the new Defence Minister, had discovered that essential documents were missing on Saturday, when he began work on the inquiry into possible secret service involvement in the affair, after taking over from M Charles Hernu.

M Quilès had immediately ordered the Direction of Général de la Securité (DGSE), to make good the gaps in the dossier, the sources said. No indication was given as to who could have ordered the destruction of the documents.

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Despite their loss, M Quilès was able to inform the Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, in a preliminary report on his findings on Sunday that French secret agents were directly responsible for the attack on the Greenpeace ship, the Rainbow Warrior. M Quilès is expected to complete his inquiry in the next few days.

The AFP report came only a few hours after Europe 1, a leading French national radio station, had claimed that "well-placed sources close to the Ministry of Defence" were expressing fears that the Government would order the destruction of all written material relating to the Greenpeace operation before tomorrow's appointment of the new head of the intelligence service.

Based on information from the same sources, M Charles Villeneuve, the station's chief defence correspondent, said that the person who gave the orders to sink the ship was "not a member of the military".

If Admiral Lacoste, the former head of the DGSE who was dismissed on Friday, was prepared to talk, "this affair would be brought to a rapid end", M Villeneuve said.

M Fabius he said, was given the facts by M Hernu the day after the arrest on July 12 of the so-called Turenge couple, the French agents awaiting trial in New Zealand on a charge of murder. M Hernu himself had been kept informed by Admiral Lacoste "day by day and hour by hour", M Villeneuve said.

The Prime Minister's office immediately issued a vigorous denial of the allegations, calling them "a tissue of lies". M Fabius has so far escaped direct implication in the scandal, though there are increasing demands that he should come before the nation to give a full explanation.

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Liverpool union votes for strike

Liverpool's 9,000 council workers in the General Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union have voted for all-out indefinite strike from tomorrow.

Earlier, union officials met Liverpool's senior Labour councillors over the city's cash crisis, but refused to back a call for a town-hall strike. Page 2

Handsworth riot deaths remand

By Craig Seton

Mr Mark Andrew Barratt, aged 21, an unemployed white man from Newtown, Birmingham, appeared before the city's magistrates yesterday charged with the murder of two Asian brothers at the Lozells Road post office during the Handsworth riots.

Mr Barratt was remanded in custody until Thursday. Mr Charles Royle, his solicitor, made no application for bail.

Mr Barratt was accused of murdering Mr Kassamali Moledina, aged 38, the Lozells Road sub-post master, and his brother, Amirali, aged 44, a post office sorter, whose bodies were found in the gutted building the day after the rioting on September 9.

He was also accused of arson with intent to endanger life at the Lozells Road post office, and robbery involving £20,000 at the Birchfield Road post office, Perry Road, Birmingham, on September 10.

Mr Barratt was arrested in Newtown area on Saturday

Later, Mr Tom Meffen, the West Midland Assistant Chief Constable (Crime), who is leading the Handsworth investigation, said: 'Inquiries into the murder are still going on."

Mr Meffen said that four other people had been charged with the robbery at the Birchfield Road post office and that 120 people are facing charges arising out of the riots.

Crucial quake task for British Sappers

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Teams of international rescue experts with trained dogs sifted through the rubble of Mexico City's 400 collapsed buildings yesterday, searching for, and on rare occasions finding, survivors of last week's earthquakes.

Two RAF Hercules planes arrived in the Mexican capital yesterday from Belize loaded with specialized drilling and rubble clearing equipment, part of a massive international response in the last three days to Mexico's requests for aid.

A British Army team of 33 Sappers arrived on Sunday and the same evening began working at the destroyed central telephone office on the crucial task of restoring Mexico's international communications.

Trained dogs from France, Switzerland, West Germany and the US have proved effective in finding survivors among the massive heaps of rubble in the city centre. At one collapsed block of flats an Alsatian, belonging to a professional French rescue team, found a girl aged 20 months who was pulled out alive one hour later.

But diplomats are saying privately the foreign rescue teams arrived too late. Not encouraged by the Mexican Government to send aid until the second earthquake on Friday evening the international community only began sending equipment and rescue specialists in the necessary quantities during the weekend. By that time most of the thousands trapped under buildings had already died.

Yesterday the smell of putrefaction increasingly emanated from collapsed buildings as corpses began to decay.

The Health Ministry has said 50 per cent of those pulled out alive have died in hospital.

Among the dead are two English women trapped in the centrally located Hotel Romano, with a third English woman, Rosemary Ralph, missing feared dead. A British man and his Mexican wife and child have also been reported killed in their flat.

Some 300,000 people are estimated by the authorities to have fled their precarious city centre homes, more of which collapsed yesterday morning.

The latest official death toll is 2,822 dead, 4,180 missing, and 6,000 injured. The Government insists the final death toll will not exceed 5,000 but diplomats and rescue workers are convinced the figure will be higher, possibly 10,000.

● **REAGAN VISIT:** Mrs Nancy Reagan arrived in Mexico City yesterday as a gesture of United States support for Mexico (CAP reports). She brought a letter to President Miguel de la Madrid from President Reagan.

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'UK could lose most' - Lawson

By Sarah Hogg

Britain would have more to lose than most other countries from a new surge of American protectionism, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday.

He was speaking on his return from New York, where finance ministers from the Group of Five industrial nations agreed to co-operate to bring down the dollar.

Mr Lawson made it clear that this agreement was intended to strengthen President Reagan's hand against protectionist pressures in Congress.

He insisted that the American Administration was opposed to the introduction of general import surcharges. He said that he thought the new currency agreement would help President Reagan to resist pressures "which are very real and menacing in the United States."

The Chancellor was noticeably cautious on the prospects for interest rates after the agreement. He said it would "clearly be inconsistent" for American interest rates to rise and added that the Americans had "no desire" for European rates to rise. But he gave no hint of any early decline in rates outside the United States.

When asked how the meeting had pushed back the dangers of protectionism, Mr Lawson said that it had intensified efforts to open up Japanese markets.

He admitted that scope for tax cuts might be limited by the impact of a weaker dollar on oil tax revenues. But he said this would "not rule out all scope", if the Treasury succeeded in its fight to contain public spending, which he insisted was as *determined this year as ever.*

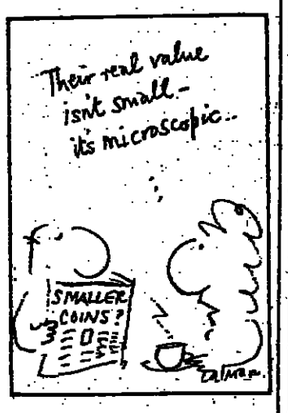
Mr Lawson refused to say by how much he believed the dollar to be overvalued, or how co-ordinated currency intervention would be stepped up. However, he did stress the participation of all five central bank governors in these meetings, which is significant because of the constitutional independence of some central banks – a fact which has impeded intervention agreements in the past.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, welcomed Mr Lawson's "belated recognition" of the need for international co-operation.

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Duke fights tenant laws

The Duke of Westminster has told the European Court of Human Rights he is being forced to sell Belgravia homes below value because of tenant laws. Page 2



Coin reviewed

The Royal Mint is considering replacing the 10p piece with a smaller coin, and tests on possible designs are expected to be completed next year Page 3

Fleet broadside

Lord Matthews, chairman of Fleet Holdings which owns Express newspapers, has sent a letter to Fleet shareholders casting doubts on the profits of United Newspapers, which is bidding for Fleet Page 15

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Tories anxious to improve image

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Growing anxiety among Conservatives at the light in which the public sees their party and the Government is reflected in the agenda for their annual conference in Blackpool next month.

Of 1,020 motions submitted, 99 are concerned with public relations and the presentation of policy. Only law and order, with 104 motions, has attracted more interest.

Of 17 motions selected for debate five, covering economic policy, jobs, the environment and the health service, show signs of this preoccupation with appearances which, among Conservatives, often conceals doubts about the policies.

On jobs, the Government is urged by Kingston and Maldon Conservatives "to explain more clearly" what it has done and is doing to reduce unemployment.

On the environment the Aberavon party says the Government "must be seen to be active" in improving the quality of life in cities and the countryside.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, will have to answer a call for ministers "to counteract effectively the charges of a health service in decline."

And Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to be urged to "promote a better understanding by the public of the relationship between inflation and unemployment".

Mr Norman Tebbit, newly-appointed chairman of the party organization, has the task of handling a debate devoted to policy presentation and public relations. The motion, from the Wrekin, does little more than urge greater effort all round, from "energetic campaigning" and "energetic MPs devoting a great deal of time to constituents' needs".

Mr Tebbit said yesterday that there was a widespread feeling that the Government was not getting its message across. He acknowledged that presentation, for which he has been given a new responsibility, had been "a shortcoming".

Invited to apportion blame, he replied: "It has been the

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Howe talks break ice with Russia

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, met his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevarnadze, yesterday and emphasized Britain's desire to resume the search for a better understanding with the Soviet Union.

He also urged Moscow to try to ensure that the circumstances which led to two rounds of tit-for-tat expulsions should not be repeated.

The 70-minute talks at the United Nations, the first high-level meeting between the countries' politicians since the crisis in relations, was described by British sources as going some way to clear the air. But the meeting produced no indication of how soon it could be business as usual.

The meeting divided into two: the first, dealing with the explusions, was described as "candid and direct"; the second, on a wide range of arms control matters

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False report as child aged three lay dead

By Michael Hornsnell

An NSPCC inspector sent to check on a girl aged 3 falsely reported seeing her alive and well, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

But when he made his report Heidi Koseda was lying dead in the locked bedroom where she had been deliberately starved by her mother and stepfather, the court was told.

A neighbour had telephoned the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on September 10 last year *to report the case and the* society conferred with health visitors who sent a woman to the flat in Hayes, Middlesex.

She saw the parents and their baby son James but when told that Heidi was asleep she left.

The neighbour renewed pressure on the society during the next three months but in December the inspector, who has since been dismissed, filed a false case record saying he had seen Heidi in September when he had found no cause for alarm.

The girl was not found until January 23 this year, when police broke down the door to the bedroom where she had been lying dead for about two months.

The case was opened by Mr Roy Amlot for the prosecution who told the jury: "I am sure that you will have to brace yourselves to listen to the details of this distressing case."

Nicholas Price, aged 26, pleaded not guilty to her murder and Rosemary Koseda, her mother, denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on *the ground of diminished* responsibility.

A pathologist told the court that Heidi was just "skin and bones", weighing 2st 11lb when found in the darkened room on the floor where she had died.

She lay partly clothed behind a door which had allegedly been blocked with a broomstick by Mr Price. He claimed during visits that the girl was with friends and that the room was too dangerous to enter because it had been damp-proofed with chemicals.

The hearing continues today.

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Nursery school first for Prince William

By Martin Fletcher

Prince William will make royal history today by becoming the first prospective heir to the throne to attend a private kindergarten.

Having considered several local nursery schools, the Prince and Princess of Wales have chosen a £200-a-term school run by Mrs Jane Mynors, the daughter of an Anglican bishop, in the basement of her Victorian terraced home (left) in Chepstow Villas, Notting Hill, west London.

The school is just five minutes from Kensington Palace, and the Prince and Princess will deliver their three-year-old son there themselves for the first time this morning.

Mrs Mynors said yesterday that she was "suprised and delighted" by their decision. The Prince, following precedent, had his pre-school education at Buckingham Palace, and the decision to send Prince William to a kindergarten is a mark of the influence of the Princess, who worked as a nursery school helper before her marriage.

Prince William arrived back in London from Balmoral yesterday, ready for his first day at the school which has eight teachers and three classes of 12 children – the cygnets, little swans and big swans. He will be a cygnet.

Most days, he will be kept busy with handiwork – cutting-out, model making and painting – and either singing or music and movement.

Mrs Mynors, aged 43, has a son aged 10 and a daughter of seven, and is the daughter of a former Bishop of Sherborne and the sister-in-law of Mr Simon Bowes Lyon, a distant relative of the Queen Mother.

She was educated at Westonbirt School, Gloucestershire, and trained as a nursery nurse, before teaching, first at the Garden House School and then at Holy Trinity Church School, Kensington. She began her own nursery school in January, 1975.

Yesterday's announcement came as little surprise to local people who had seen plainclothes police checking rooftops

The press and media have been invited to cover Prince William's arrival at the school this morning, but the Prince and Princess have written personally to Fleet Street editor asking that the school and their son be left in peace thereafter.

Baker to publish rates reform proposals before end of year

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Cabinet will publish its proposals for the reform of the rating system before the end of the year, it was confirmed last night.

But after ministers had had their first detailed look at the conclusions of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, who had been reviewing local government finance for several months, it was clear that they are some way from agreement about what should be put in the present system's place.

At a two-hour meeting the Cabinet's economic and local government finance committee, chaired by the Prime Minister, considered yet again the alternative options.

Mr Baker's own preferred solution of a resident's charge to raise about 70 per cent of the present income from the rates, combined with a property tax based on floor area, appeared last night still to be the front runner.

However, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, put forward counter proposals to retain the rates broadly in their present form, but basing them on capital rather than rental values.

There was, as expected, no disagreement over Mr Baker's plan to set business rates nationally, which now seems certain to be incorporated in the final scheme.

Mr Baker made clear as he left the meeting that he would be publishing a consultation document before the end of the year. "It was not a decision-taking meeting today, and was not meant to be," he said.

Unlike similar exercises in the past, however, the document will contain the Government's own preferred solution for reform. That is certain to mean a series of urgent meetings over the next few weeks.

Whitehall sources made clear again last night that Mrs Margaret Thatcher does not regard retention of the present system as an option.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, said last night that ministers had been discussing a "tax on votes". Mr Baker called it a residents' charge but it was simply a poll tax in sheeps' clothing.

"Its imposition would mean that people would have to pay a tax according to their eligibility for the electoral register", he said.

TUC under pressure over state ballot cash

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor

Pressure is likely to mount within the TUC for a special conference to reconsider the three-year boycott on state funds for postal ballots.

The demand for a special conference, possibly limited to union general secretaries and presidents, shows signs of gathering momentum over the next month among centre right union leaders. They are anxious to avoid a repeat of the crisis which nearly led to the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers being expelled from the TUC earlier this month.

Amid fears among senior union leaders that in November the union's one million members could vote in favour of continuing to accept state cash for ballots, the call for a special conference to reconsider the Wembley policy of non-co-operation with the law is expected to receive a fresh boost this week.

On Thursday, the executive of the Union of Communication Workers will consider a paper submitted by Mr Alan Tuffin, the union's general secretary, which seeks a mandate to call on the TUC General Council to authorize a "total reappraisal" of the boycott.

Mr Tuffin is understood to suggest in his far-reaching paper that TUC policy should be changed in such a way as to allow individual unions to decide for themselves whether to accept state money.

Some union leaders fear that a "yes" vote for taking state cash in the AUEW ballot may be sen as a vote of no confidence in the TUC since the ballot paper will remind members that the union recognizes the authority of the TUC and that TUC policy is against taking such cash.

Few decisive steps are likely to be taken before the Labour Party conference: but after that the General Municipal, Boilermakers' and Allied Trades Union (GMBATU), which led the call for disciplinary action against the engineering union for taking state money – could join the pressure for a special conference. The GMBATU has been in favour of such a conference and would be crucial in swinging other unions behind it if it revived its call for one.

However, pressure for such a conference, at which a decision to scrap the policy is by no means a foregone conclusion, is likely to increase as a result of the declaration in an interview with *Tribune* by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, that he is not in principle against state funding provided that there are proper safeguards.

Strike ballot over GCHQ

Leaders of more than 6,000 engineers with the power to cut off the country's electricity supply may hold a strike ballot if the Government dismisses any trade unionist from the top secret GCHQ "listening" stations.

The executive of the Engineers' and Managers' Association has put forward a vaguely worded motion to its biennial delegate conference on October 5 and 6 supporting the right of individuals to belong to unions and seeking delegates' support to adopt the most "appropriate means" to defend the principle. It is understood that such means could include a referendum on industrial action.

City faces anarchy, Steel says



Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, who visited Liverpool yesterday, said that the city faced anarchy and chaos if the council's 31,000 employees strike tomorrow

He told a press conference: "I don't want to be alarmist but quite clearly if you get a situation where normal services and facilities in the city start to break down, then you do get a tendency to slide into some form of anarchy". He said that the only solution was to disqualify the councillors and hold a quick election.

But Mr John Hamilton, Labour leader of the city council, said if he and his colleagues were removed from office under pending legal action, the city would lose its safety valve, and there could be "an explosion like the Lozells Road".

Union stalemate on Liverpool

From Peter Davenport, Liverpool

As the last pay packets were being prepared for Liverpool's 31,000 council workers yesterday, senior union officials met for almost five hours.

But, after talking to four senior Labour councillors, they neither backed the strike call nor urged their members to vote against tomorrow's stoppage.

The meeting had been seen as a late attempt by full-time regional officials to wrest control of the situation from local activists.

Union leaders were said to be worried about the consequences of a strike that would put worker against worker in Liverpool, and embarrass Labour leaders in the run-up to the party conference next week.

Yesterday's meeting heard an explanation of Liverpool's financial crisis and looming bankruptcy from councillors, including Mr Derek Hatton, the deputy leader, and Mr Tony Byrne, the finance chairman.

In a statement issued later, the union officials said that they supported the city council's opposition to job and service cuts, and called for an urgent meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, the new Secretary of State for the Environment.

Town hall unions are divided about the strike, with the teachers' unions, representing 5,000 members, and the public employees union, Nupe, with 2,000 members against a stoppage.

The key unions who will make a strike effective are GMBATU, which represents general workers and whose ballot results after three mass meetings for its 9,000 members were due to be declared late last night, and Nalgo, with 6,000 white collar members, who vote today.

But a city council official said that strike or no strike, the final pay packets would be dispatched this week.

Manual workers would be paid today or tomorrow, and monthly paid staff would have their pay in the bank by Friday.

Duke 'forced to sell homes cheaply'

The sixth Duke of Westminster, the richest man in Britain, is being forced to sell houses and flats in Belgravia, London, at virtually site value, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, urged the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg to declare illegal the Leasehold Reform Act of 1967 which allows tenants to buy freeholds at a cheap rate.

Mr Beloff, for the duke and other Grosvenor Estate trustees, told the 21 judges that Belgravia had developed over three centuries to become "the most sought-after residential area of the United Kingdom".

Mr Beloff said that about 215 leasehold tenants had taken advantage of te Act to purchase leaseholds cheaply, costing the duke about £2.5 million and the right to property ownership.

"In time the estate might truly be said to face the peril of death by a thousand cuts," he said.

The duke is seeking a ruling in Strasboug that the leasehold law is in breach of the human rights convention, which safeguards property rights of the individual.

But, Mr Beloff said, the Leasehold Act, and the Housing Act of 1974 had enabled private tenants to acquire property from a landlord at a considerable under-valuation.

The legislation ignored the recommendations of a distinguished committee, Mr Beloff said

It amounted to the confiscation of property at artificially depressed prices, with no recourse for a landlord to challenge the validity of either the sale, or the law.

The Government is defending Mr Harold Wilson's Socialist legislation. Mr Robert Alexander, QC, for the Government, is claiming the Act was passed by a democratically elected government and that all the arguments for and against were fully debated before it became law.

Earlier, Mr Beloff had urged "fair" compensation to the Duke and his fellow trustees for loss of income. He said the case reflected a vital principle, regardless of the people involved.

The hearing was adjourned until today, which is due to be devoted to legal submissions. The court's findings are expected to be announced next year.

Heads seek lunchtime finish to school day

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Schoolchildren in London may be moved to the "continental day", starting 8 am or 8.30 am and leaving at lunchtime, if a proposal from head teachers is put into effect.

The proposal is a direct result of the teachers' pay dispute. The two biggest teachers' unions have been refusing to undertake lunchtime supervision, leaving the head teachers with heavy responsibility at midday.

A secret ballot conducted by the National Association of Head Teachers in inner London showed three to one in favour of the continental day. If children are sent home at 1.30 pm, the lunchtime supervision problem is circumvented, but working parents would face the problem of what to do with their children in the afternoon.

That is one reason why the Inner London Education Authority does not enthuse about the idea. The authority's Labour group will be discussing it today and later in the week Mrs Frances Morrell, the authority's leader will be meeting the heads.

She said yesterday that the authority was to ask Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, for a meeting to discuss the "mounting industrial relations crisis".

Yesterday Mr John Pearman, acting leader of the local authority employers, asked Mrs Thatcher for an urgent meeting to discuss the teachers' pay dispute. He also wrote to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress about a meeting this week to discuss the possibility of a solution to the teachers' pay dispute.

●Sir Keith appealed yesterday to the universities to close the cultural gap between themselves and the business world.

He told a conference at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, that they should jointly appoint staff, exchange consultants, and seek money from industry.

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Computer forgery trial opens

Committal proceedings against two men charged under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981, with offences involving computers, began before magistrates at Bow Street Court, central London, yesterday.

The case has been brought by British Telecom and is thought to be the first of its kind.

Mr Stephen Gold, aged 29, an accountant of Watt Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, is charged with four offences of making a false instrument with the intention of using it to induce computers to accept it as genuine.

Mr Robert Schifreen, aged 21, a technical author of Edgwarebury Gardens, Edgware, north-west London, is charged with five offences of making a false instrument with the intention of using it to induce computers to accept it as genuine.

The offences are said to have been committed between November 1984 and last February. Both defendants elected to go to trial by jury and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Dismantle farm policy, Castle says

By John Young,
Agriculture Correspondent

The EEC would gain from the virtual dismantlement of the Common Agricultural Policy, Mrs Barbara Castle, MEP for Greater Manchester West and ex-leader of the British Labour group in the European Parliament, claimed yesterday.

Although farmers would suffer a drastic reduction in income if prices fell to market levels, that would be "balanced" by the benefits to consumers and taxpayers, she said.

Only Denmark, the Irish Republic and the Netherlands would suffer a net loss in national income.

Mrs Castle's plan, disclosed at the Parliament's London Offices, is by far the most radical of three sets of proposals for the reform of the CAP, commissioned by the Socialist group.

The others are a Dutch scheme to restrict milk production by a reformed quota system, and a so-called progressive levy on cereals, sugar beet, milk and wine, submitted by French members of the group.

Mrs Castle said that the farming industry should not be protected through continuing high support prices.

If small farmers were to be helped to stay in business, it should be by national direct income aids, although some of the savings from reform might be reallocated to the poorer member countries, primarily Italy, Greece and Irish Republic.

Professor Jan de Veer, of the Netherlands, said that none of the analyses included the impacts on other sectors of the economy, such as processing industries and trading firms.

Jury fails to find cause of air crash

The cause of the Air-India Boeing 747 disaster remains a mystery, after a five-day inquest which ended last night in Cork.

The Jury decided that the victims died from injuries caused by a sudden and violent catastrophe on the aircraft, "the nature and origin of which remains unascertained".

Hopes of resolving the riddle of the disaster off the southern Irish coast in which all 329 people on board died now rest with the Indian government inquiry.

Investigators will then have evidence from wreckage to be recovered next week.

The inquest dealt with the 131 bodies recovered after the crash on June 23. There was evidence that the aircraft disappeared from Shannon radar screens at about the same time as an unexplained "screech" which lasted a split second was heard over a microphone.

There was also evidence from an aviation pathologist, Dr Ian Hill, of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, that there was "a good chance" there was an explosive decompression and that passengers at the rear of the jet were most affected by a force from beneath them.

The coroner told the jury that the Boeing, a "young plane", had recently had a full overhaul and had returned to service during the month before the accident.

He added: "If there was an explosive device it was not where the passengers were seated."

The coroner also said that "with reservation and hesitancy" he had decided against allowing the jury to add any rider to the verdict

Board for motor agent group urged

By Clifford Webb

The Motor Agents' Association (MAA), which represents most of Britain's garages, is to be reorganized after the collapse of its fuel card project less than two years after its launch.

Charge Card Services, the fuel card company, went into voluntary liquidation in January with debts of nearly £4 million.

A committee of inquiry appointed by the MAA yesterday recommended that the 43-member national council should be replaced by a board of 10 directors.

The committee said that the fuel card concept was good, but was "launched and operated on a shoestring budget and poorly managed".

Honeyford boycott suspended

From Peter Davenport
Bradford

Organizers of the classroom boycott against the reinstatement of the Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, yesterday suspended their action for two weeks, but with a warning that it will be renewed with increased vigour unless he is dismissed.

Children returning to the Drummond Middle School yesterday were handed anti-Honeyford lapel badges and a so-called "pupils' charter" that seemed set to cause further disruption in class.

The five-point duplicated sheet urged children involved in last week's boycott to make their views known whenever they see Mr Honeyford, and said that if the headmaster attempted to punish them the Parents Action Group would initiate a prosecution.

Four hundred and twenty of the school's 530 pupils arrived for class yesterday compared with only 141 last Friday.

Ms Jenny Woodward, chairman of the parents' group, said: "Our case has been proved. On one day last week only 140 children attended. But we have been asked to cool it. As a sign of good faith, the parents have decided to suspend the action for two weeks."

Mr Honeyford returned to work last week after six months' suspension over a series of articles he wrote criticizing multi-racial education policies in Bradford. He declined to comment yesterday on the new move against him.

Mr Richard Knight, the council's director of education, welcomed the end of the boycott as a "positive move in a difficult situation".

But he added: "I utterly deplore the wording of the document being handed to pupils. I feel it could easily be interpreted as encouragement to pupils to misbehave in school and I urge the action group to withdraw it immediately."

Airbus sales nearly equal to Boeing's

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Europe's Airbus Industrie consortium, in which Britain has a 20 per cent stake, is rapidly overhauling America's giant Boeing Corporation in world airline markets.

For the first time sales of jetliners by the two groups look like being about equal this year. That compares with recent shares of about 60 per cent to Boeing and less than 20 per cent to Airbus.

Both groups were quick to emphasize yesterday that the change in position does not spring from the recent spate of accidents to Boeing aircraft, notably the unexplained crashes of Air India and Japan Airlines Boeing 747 jumbos, and the explosion on board a British Airtours 737 at Manchester. "They have had no effect whatsoever", Boeing said yesterday. "No connection at all" said Airbus.

More likely causes are the continued strong dollar which helps to give Airbus a competitive edge on price; and the entry of the new Airline regional airliner, the 150-seat A320 to supplement the two big sisters, the 300-seat A300 and the 250-seat A310.

If an Indian Airlines order for 31 A320s announced over the weekend is confirmed by the year end, Airbus will have captured 109 orders this year, compared with Boeing's 137.

But because Airbus aircraft tend (with the exception of the jumbo) to be bigger than Boeings, the value of the Airbus order $4,000 million-$4,500 million, could be similar to Boeing's.

Sales this year, with approximate price for each, are:

Boeing: 112 130-seat 737s at $21m-$25m each; 10 400-seat 747s at $100m; 9 190-seat 757s at $42m; and 6 210-seat 767s at $55m.

Airbus: 9 300-seat A300s at $55m-$60m; 10 310-seat A300-600s at $60m; 29 250-seat A310s at $50m-$55m; and 31 150-seat A320s at $30m (plus probably an extra 31 for Indian Airlines).

Post Office to increase mail carried by air

By Bill Johnstone

More mail is to be carried by air in the next few months in an attempt to improve the Post Office's reliability.

The Post Office denies that it is a vote of no confidence in British Rail.

The Post Office claims to have improved its delivery record in the past four months with 89.5 per cent of first-class letters delivered the following day, against a target of 90 per cent.

The revamping of the mail network will take advantage of air, road and rail crossroads at Derby, giving the facility to switch letters from one mode of transport to another depending on need.

Dogs blamed for 10,000 attacks on farm animals

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

More than 10,000 farm animals are attacked by dogs in Britain every year and only one in three survives the attack, according to an estimate by the National Farmers' Union.

The union has expressed concern at the low level of fines imposed by magistrates, which last year averaged less than £37, in spite of the fact that the maximum fine was doubled in May last year to £400.

One of the worst affected areas is the north of England, where 250 cases were reported to the police. Most involved sheep, but there were an increasing number of attacks on poultry.

Maxwell seeks 14-day delay

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of the British Newspaper Printing Corporation, has asked for a 14-day extension of yesterday's deadline for the purchase of the Thomson Withy Grove printing plant in Manchester.

Mr Maxwell, publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, last night announced an agreement with print unions for 713 production jobs at the complex, which at present employs 1,700, when BPNC is due to take over in January.

Court clears accused father

A father who was arrested and charged hours after his daughter aged 14 committed suicide last January was found not guilty yesterday of trying to persuade her to withdraw her sexual attack allegation against him.

Alan Sanders, aged 36, of Dukes Road, Gosport, Hampshire, was acquitted by a jury at Winchester Crown Court on the direction of Judge Blaker.

Rapists jailed for five years

Two rapists were each jailed for five years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for attacking a blues singer, aged 21, as she sat reading a Bible in a south London flat.

Bruce Edwards, aged 26, of Church Road, Upper Norwood, and James Fine, aged 27, of Railton Road, Brixton, both south London, were convicted last month of rape and aiding rape.

Rail vote hitch

A strike ballot over the closure of British Rail's engineering works at Swindon and Glasgow with the loss of more than 4,700 jobs could be put off indefinitely after the guard's decision not to take action.

Big drop in demand forecast for coal

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

Demand for deep-mined British coal could sink as low as 77 million tonnes by 1988, according to an expert analysis to be published later this week. That would require a cut in capacity of almost 25 per cent from pre-strike levels if the coal industry was to continue breaking even after 1987 when subsidies run out.

The forecast, which says that the National Coal Board will "go over the cliff" in 1987 is the bleakest yet from an independent source, and comes at a sensitive time since the board will be discussing its broad strategy with the mining unions at a meeting of the Coal Industry Consultative Council today.

The study by the specialist *Financial Times* International Coal Report suggests that the NCB's apparently healthy sales position is "illusory" and that by 1988 demand could be as low as 76.6 million tonnes and "unlikely to be higher than 82 million tonnes".

The forecasts, which will inevitable be seen by National Union of Mineworkers leaders as vindicating some of the most dramatic predictions by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, are based partly on the crisis in the market for British coal which experts see arising in 1987.

In particular, the analysts see as damaging for coal's prospects the fact that five advanced gas cooled nuclear reactors capable of displacing 17 million tonnes of coal will be on stream by that date.

In addition, the 2,000 megawatt cross-Channel link importing electricity will be fully operational. The report estimates that Britain could buy French electricity at about 1.5p a unit, less than half the average Central Electricity Generating Board production cost.

The report also makes it clear however that other markets have been lost since the pre-dispute period of 1983. About 1.5 million tonnes of coal is estimated to have been lost to foreign producers for the "foreseeable future" while some of the 2.1 million tonne drop in demand for domestic coal during the strike has been "clearly lost for good" to other fuels.

The report says that "imports boomed during the strike and continue to boom" and suggests that a loss of 5 million tonnes from UK market for the rest of the decade "does not seem excessive".

The report comes after an interview with Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB chairman, published last week, in which he said publicly for the first time that he would be seeking a new capacity level of 90 million tonnes. The report estimates that this would require a further 56 pits to be closed up to March 1987.

It says that for the NCB, whose current chairman's term of office runs out in September 1986, to close pits at such a rate represents a "gargantua" task but says that current performance makes it "inevitable". The productivity tally of 2.69 tonnes per man per shift is "streets away" from the targeted figure of 4 tonnes per man per shift, it says.

To that end, the board is thought to be planning to base most of this year's pay increase on locally-based productivity bargaining with only a modest amount from national negotiations.

Pits closed since January 1, 1984 or threatened with closure

	Output 1981–2 (tonnes)	
SCOTLAND		
Polkemmet	390,000	Under review; depends on Ravenscraig
Bogside	n/a	Closed (part of the 2mt/yr Longannet complex)
NORTHEAST		
Bates	890,000	Under review
Horden	597,000	Under review
Brenkely	231,000	To close summer 1986–exhaustion
Harrington	254,000	Under review, hand-worked 18in seam
Sacriston	75,000	Under review–short life pit
Bearpark	140,000	Closed
Eppleton	n/a	Eppleton drift closed through exhaustion
YORKSHIRE		
Acton Hall	619,000	Closed
Savile	321,000	Closed July 1985
Glassshowton	261,000	Closing 1986
Ledston Luck	385,000	Closing 1986
Emley Moor	110,000	Closed possible sale to miners' co-operative
Brookhouse	263,000	Under review–proposed closure Dec 1985
Corton Wood	281,000	Under review–proposed closure Dec 1985
Yorkshire Main	713,000	Closure under review
WESTERN		
Cronton	227,000	Closed
Wolstanton	457,000	Under review–expected to close in six months
Bold	451,000.	Due to close shortly
MIDLAND		
Westthorpe	503,000	Closed Mar 1984
Moore Green	634,000	Closed July 1985
Pye Hill	821,000	Closed Aug 1985
Desford	405,000	Closed Feb 1984
South Leicester	270,000	To close May 1986
Whitwick/South Leicester	540,000	To close July 1986
SOUTH WALES		
Wyndham/Western	124,000	Closed 1984
Celynen South	132,000	Closure agreed locally
Bedwas	149,000	Closed
Markham	164,000	Closure agreed Sept 1985
St Johns	263,000	Under appeal
Penrhikyber	140,000	Under review
Treforgan	62,000	Closure agreed
KENT		
Tilmanstone	240,000	To close March 1986
TOTAL	11,114,000	

UK coal demand 1983 and 1988 projection (million tonnes)

	1983	1988
Power stations	81.565	65.70
Industry (inc steel)	19.755	23.0
House coal anthracite	7.872	7.0
Collieries other*	2.283	2.0
Exports	6.561	4.6
Total demand	118.036	101.6–106.6
Less volume from opencast	14.706	15
Less imports to UK	4.456	10
Total demand for deep-mined coal	98.874	76.6–81.6

*Loss of demand from colliery closure programme.
Source: 1983 figures *Energy Trends*; 1988 figures *International Coal Report*.

Manager dies

Mr Paul Rochez, general manager of *The Sun* and the *News of the World*, died at the weekend in London hospital after a long illness. He was aged 53. Before joining News International he had been with the Mirror Group Newspapers for more than 20 years.

Apology over partisans angers author

By Rupert Morris

A controversy broke out yesterday over the role of alleged Communist sympathizers in Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE) in Cairo during the Second World War.

Mr Basil Davidson, the author and historian, objected to a passage in *Tito's Flawed Legacy*, by Nora Beloff, which said: "In his account of events, published 25 years afterwards, Davidson revealed that he regarded his Cairo mission in evangelical terms: 'we partisans', as he called himself and his friends, were defending the Communist Utopia against the black reactionaries who were determined to restrain a total British commitment to the heroes and martyrs of the Communist cause."

As a result of Mr Davidson's objections, Gollancz, the publishers, published an apology in *The Times* yesterday for the suggestion "that the British support for the partisans in Yugoslavia in 1943 (in which Mr Davidson played a role) was generated by ideological considerations and not military ones", and promised to remove the offending passage.

But Miss Beloff was infuriated by the apology, which she said she allowed only to ensure the book's continued publication. A second print run had been held up by the controversy.

Body behind locked door

Girl of three starved to death as neighbour sought help, court told

By Michael Horsnell

A girl aged three was deliberately starved to death alone in the locked bedroom of a council flat by her mother and the man with whom they lived, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

For up to eight weeks after her death, Heidi Koseda's body was left half-clothed on the floor while social workers and health visitors called at the flat to ask where she was.

Two months before she died, weighing 2st 11lb, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was alerted by a worried neighbour and an officer detailed to see the family, the court was told. But the officer, who had since been dismissed, later falsified a report claiming he had seen her alive and well.

Nicholas Price had ordered Rosemary Koseda not to feed the child because, he said, he was concerned about her puppy fat. She was locked in her room for three weeks and looked in on "once or twice". She never cried.

After she died, the door to the bedroom where Heidi lay was blocked by a broomstick placed there by the man who claimed the room was damp and had been treated with dangerous chemicals.

The story of Heidi's death was outlined by Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, who told the jury that Mrs Koseda, aged 27, had denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Mr Price, aged 27, denied murder on a date before January 23 this year when Heidi was found by police at the family's one-bedroom flat in Woolacombe Way, Hayes, Middlesex.

Mr Amlot told the court that Mrs Koseda, Mr Price, Heidi and her baby brother James moved into the first-floor flat, which had one bedroom, a living room and kitchenette, in 1982 after Mrs Koseda's marriage collapsed.

Mr Amlot said: "The allegation is that in the latter part of last year Price, together with Mrs Koseda, locked the little girl Heidi alone in the bedroom of the flat for a period of weeks without food and starved her to death. He told the police that she died in mid November and that time is probably accurate. Her body was found in that room by police in January of this year, about two months later."

Dr Rasaratnam Sarvesvaran, the pathologist who examined her and later carried out a post mortem examination, told the court that the girl had died from starvation in mid November, weighing up to 15lb less than a healthy child of her age would have done. She was "literally skin and bone".

Mr Amlot said that Heidi had been a healthy baby who had progressed satisfactorily and been taken to clinics in the normal way by her mother.

After Mr Price moved in Mrs Ilsa Rickard her grandmother, saw the family regularly and Heidi remained healthy and happy.

Later the relationship between Mrs Rickard and Mr Price deteriorated to the point where she was forbidden to see her daughter and granddaughter.

It was then that Mrs Rickard became concerned about Heidi and in early 1984 she conveyed her anxiety to health visitors and social workers.

In late August, a couple moved into the flat below the family and within two weeks the new woman neighbour Miss Lorraine Martin, became concerned because she never saw Heidi, whom she had been told about by Mrs Koseda.

On September 10 she contacted the NSPCC having been told by Heidi's parents that the girl was either "in a temper" or that "she can't be trusted to go out and play".

The NSPCC conferred with Hillingdon Health Authority and on September 10 a health visitor went to the flat. She was told that Heidi was asleep and left. When health visitors called on other occasions they got no reply but left appointment cards which were ignored.

Miss Martin renewed her appeals to the NSPCC in early October and in November and later concluded that the child must have been taken into care.

Mr Amlot said: "The NSPCC inspector concerned does not appear to have done anything in response to the renewed appeals. It seems nothing was done in October and November when the little girl was alive. One understands the NSPCC were very busy."

December 16 1980: Heidi born
Mid-1982: Mrs Koseda's husband evicted. Mr Price moves into flat.
September 1983: Mrs Koseda gives birth to a son, James, by Mrs Price.
Christmas 1983: Heidi's grandmother sees her for the last time. Later she is forbidden to see the child by Mr Price.
Early 1984: Grandmother contacts social services.
September 10 1984: Neighbour Miss Lorraine Martin contacts NSPCC because she has not seen Heidi playing. Health visitor calls. Mr Price says Heidi "asleep upstairs".
October and November: Miss Martin makes renewed appeals to NSPCC to act.
December: NSPCC inspector makes false report claiming to have seen Heidi.
December 6: Mrs Koseda has another baby at the flat. Authorities unaware that she was pregnant.
December 17, 18, 20: Health visitors call at the flat; door not answered.
December 27: Police and social workers go to flat with search warrant. Mr Price says Heidi is staying with friends. Says Heidi's room has been treated with chemicals for dampness.
December 29: Social worker calls. Sees broom across Heidi's bedroom door jamming it shut. Mr Price repeats story about her being with friends.
January 2, 7, 15 1985: Social worker calls again. Each time Mr Price repeats explanation and refuses to let her into room because of "chemicals".
January 22: Miss Martin contacts NSPCC again and discovers that Heidi is not in care as she had been led to believe.
January 23: Social workers hold case conference and later go to the flat with police. Policewoman forced bedroom door and finds Heidi's emaciated body on the floor surrounded by furniture and tyres.



Mrs Julie Iddles, a health visitor, who gave evidence.

He added: "For reasons best known to himself the NSPC inspector chose in December, at a time when the little girl was probably dead, to enter a false report in the case records claiming he had gone into the flat in September to see Heidi and reported that all was well. This was most unfortunate I am sure you appreciate. The inspector has since been dismissed".

On December 6, Mrs Koseda had another baby, Lisa at home without telling the authorities that she had been pregnant, and was taken to hospital for five or six days immediately after the birth.

The local health authority became concerned about the new baby and notified police. On December 27, two police officers and a health visitor went to the flat with a magistrate's warrant to ascertain the well-being of the new baby whom they found to be well, as was James.

But when they asked about Heidi, Mr Price said she was was staying with a friend in Hounslow and going to Christmas parties. He could not give them the address. They found the flat untidy and squalid with a mattress on the floor in front of the television in the living room, while the door to the bedroom was locked.

A few days later, a Hillingdon social worker called and was told by Mr Price that Heidi was still in Hounslow. She noticed a broom across the bedroom door.

The social worker returned three times in January and was told the same story. Care agencies returned to the flat on January 23 accompanied by police. Mr Price was arrested when he persisted in evasive answers about Heidi.

Officers returned to the flat and kicked open the bedroom door where they found Heidi on the floor srrounded by furniture, tyres and cables. She was wearing a sweater and her underpants were around one ankle.

At West Drayton police station Mr Price allegedly told police that in September Heidi had too much puppy fat and the couple were worried about her weight.

He said she had not been ill and was getting thinner in the couple of weeks before he found her dead.

Mr Price allegedly said later that Heidi died within about three weeks during which time he looked once or twice to see her. He never heard her cry. In an alleged statement Mr Price added: "I told my wife to feed James only. I can't say what I told her to do about Heidi. I was aware she was getting no food."

Mr Amlot said that doctors involved in the case agreed that Mrs Koseda was retarded and the Crown accepted her plea of manslaughter.

Det Chief Insp Roy Herridge told the court of an interview Mr Price had given to police.

Asked the question: "Did you leave her in there crying, deliberately to die?" Mr Price allegedly told the police: "Yes".

When asked if he had an agreement with Mrs Koseda to let Heidi die, Mr Price allegedly replied: "We agreed that should happen – she said it was all right."

Mrs Julie Iddles, a health visitor, told the court she first went to the flat on December 17 because the community midwife had been unable to get in.

There was no reply then, or when she called again the next day and on December 20. She reported it to the social services and the NSPCC since there was concern about the baby's welfare. On later visits she was let in, but did not see Heidi.



Heidi Koseda (top), aged three, who is said to have been starved to death; Miss Lorraine Martin (bottom left) a neighbour; and Mrs Ilsa Rickard, the child's grandmother.

Psychology test for smaller 10p coins

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

The Royal Mint is considering replacing the 10p piece with a much smaller coin about the size of the old sixpence. The 50p and 5p coins could also be reduced and the 2p coin may be withdrawn.

A decision will be taken after tests by psychologists from Nottingham University are completed next year.

There are 1,690 million 10p pieces in circulation and they are considered to be a very heavy coin for their purchasing power. Smaller coins would be cheaper to manufacture and be more in keeping with the new £1 and 20p coins.

The psychologists have been given blank discs representing different values to test on various groups, including blind people. If the tests are successful the Mint will talk to consumer groups and then submit a report to the Treasury.

One prototype of the proposed new 5p is a very small coin, about the size of the old silver threepenny bit. It may have an irregular shape similar to the old brass-coloured 3d piece.

Since the old sixpence was withdrawn from circulation in 1980 no other country has wanted coins of that size, so there would be no difficulty in introducing a production line for a new 10p piece at the Royal Mint plant, in Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan.

The proposals received a guarded welcome yesterday from Mr James Roberts, chairman of the Automatic Vending Association of Britain. He said that one of the main problems with vending machines was the handling of coins in bulk.

British Telecom said that any change in coins would involve converting public telephones, but increasingly machines operated by plastic cards were being installed.

According to the Mint the public has learnt to live with the £1 coins.

Safety on railways shows no decline despite fatalities

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

There was no dramatic decline in railway safety in Britain last year in spite of fatal accidents at Polmont, Wembley, and Eccles. Major C. F. Rose the Department of Transport's chief inspecting officer of railways, says in his annual report.

The total number of people killed on the railways, at 415, was 12 fewer than the preceding year. While there were 30 deaths in rail accidents (18 passengers, six railwaymen and six others), nearly half (13) were killed in a single accident at Polmont in Scotland when a Glasgow to Edinburgh train was derailed after hitting a cow.

Three passengers were killed when a passenger and freight train collided at Wembley, north London, last October, and two in a similar accident at Eccles Greater Manchester last December.

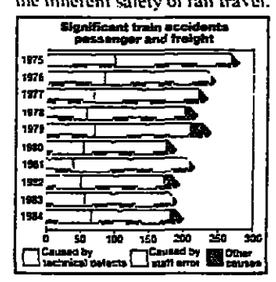
As a result of these accidents there was a public perception that safety standards were slipping, but there was no evidence of that, Major Rose said. The run of accidents in the second half of last year had no common cause or linking pattern and appeared to be "a random bunching", the report says.

Two areas of concern are highlighted in the report, however: human error on the part of rail staff, and vandalism. No fewer than 152 collisions and derailments, nearly 30 per cent of the total were caused wholly or partly by train crews

There was some evidence that the number of signals passed at danger may be increasing, and it was the younger or less experienced driver who was likely to be involved.

Vandals were responsible for the derailment of five trains and set fire to 12 others last year, essentially a social problem with railways by no means the only target.

Mr Maurice Holmes, British Rail's director of operations, said that the report underlined the inherent safety of rail travel.



Talks on legal aid scheme

The Law Society is optimistic that talks with the Government on Friday will help to clear the way to a duty solicitor scheme under which suspects in police custody will be able to obtain round-the-clock legal advice.

But although the discussions are expected to resolve difficulties over "two-tier" payments for lawyers other problems mean it is unlikely that the scheme will come into force on January 1 as planned.

Under the proposals solicitors called to a police station to advise someone suspected of an "arrestable offence" will be paid £27 an hour during the day or £36 an hour at night. But there would be a fixed maximum of £50 on less serious offences. Lawyers are concerned that charges including indecent assault, causing actual bodily harm and assault on police will be in the lesser category.

Mr Andrew Lockley, the Law Society's chief negotiator, is optimistic that the government will agree to talks with the Lord Chancellor's department on Friday to move those into the group of more serious offences.

Mother of dead girl remanded

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mrs Mirella Beechook was remanded in custody for a week when she appeared at Tower Bridge magistrates court, east London, yesterday charged with the murder of her daughter, aged seven and the girl's friend.

At one stage in the brief hearing the proceedings were halted when Mrs Beechook collapsed on the floor of the dock. Police officers tried to silence the public gallery.

Mrs Beechook, aged 25, of Swan Road estate, Rotherhithe, south-east London, was charged on Sunday with the murder last Wednesday of her daughter Tina and Stacey Kavanagh, aged four. Post-mortem examinations showed that both children were strangled.

All visitors to the court building were searched before entering. Police allowed only a handful of people into the public gallery before Mrs Beechook's appearance.

Plain clothes officers were seated in the gallery as the public entered. A crowd gathered at the garage entrance to the building and outside the court itself.

When Mrs Beechook came into court before Mr Chistopher Voelcker, the stipendiary magistrate, she was accompanied by a woman police constable and a detective.

At one point Mrs Beechook called out to the gallery. She collapsed, falling to the floor of the small dock, and was then helped up.

After the hearing Mrs Beechook was taken from the rear of the court building in a police convoy to Holloway prison.

Leoni's killer linked to two attacks

By Our Crime Reporter

The killer of Leoni Keating, aged three, is suspected by police of two earlier attacks on girls.

Announcing the possible links, Det Chief Supt Eric Shields, head of Suffolk CID, said the hunt for Leoni's murderer had widened to include not only his force and Norfolk but also officers from Essex.

Leoni disappeared on Friday, September 13, from a caravan site at Great Yarmouth, where she had been on holiday with her mother. Her body, bound and gagged, was found in a water-filled ditch 60 miles away at Barton Mills five days later. She had been sexually assaulted.

Yesterday the death was linked with an attack on Pauline Coe, aged 10, from Harlow, Essex, who was taken from her family's caravan on a site at St Osyth, Essex, late on Monday, September 13, 1982.

She was lured to a car by a "fat Man" in his thirties while her mother was out.

The girl was tied up and gagged. She was eventually dumped in Great Yarmouth early the next morning close to the caravan site where Leoni was taken.

The second incident was on Friday, June 28, at 10.30pm on the same caravan site in Great Yarmouth. A man broke into one of the caravans where a girl aged 14 was alone and in bed.

The intruder forced the girl outside by knifepoint and police think he was making for a car parked near by. But the girl, from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, screamed for help and as caravaners came to her rescue the man stabbed her

The man escaped and the girl was only slightly wounded.

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- ☐ Put an extension on the house
- ☐ Have a holiday flat at the seaside
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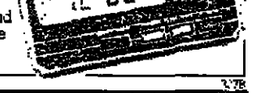
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31	35	2,128	3,249	1,341	4,590	3,450	5,279	2,159	7,438
32	36	2,127	3,248	1,341	4,588	3,450	5,276	2,158	7,434
33	37	2,128	3,246	1,341	4,586	3,450	5,272	2,158	7,430
34	38	2,126	3,243	1,341	4,584	3,450	5,269	2,158	7,427
35	39	2,123	3,242	1,337	4,579	3,450	5,266	2,158	7,424
36	40	2,121	3,239	1,336	4,575	3,450	5,264	2,158	7,422
37	41	2,119	3,236	1,335	4,571	3,450	5,260	2,158	7,418
38	42	2,117	3,233	1,334	4,567	3,450	5,260	2,158	7,418
39	43	2,114	3,228	1,332	4,560	3,450	5,252	2,158	7,410
40	44	2,111	3,223	1,330	4,553	3,450	5,243	2,158	7,401
41	45	2,107	3,217	1,327	4,544	3,450	5,230	2,158	7,388
42	46	2,103	3,211	1,325	4,536	3,450	5,219	2,158	7,377
43	47	2,099	3,205	1,322	4,527	3,450	5,210	2,158	7,368
44	48	2,094	3,195	1,318	4,513	3,450	5,197	2,158	7,355
45	49	2,088	3,190	1,316	4,506	3,450	5,187	2,158	7,345
46	50	2,083	3,181	1,312	4,493	3,450	5,175	2,158	7,333
47	51	2,077	3,172	1,309	4,481	3,450	5,160	2,158	7,318
48	52	2,070	3,161	1,304	4,465	3,450	5,141	2,158	7,299
49	53	2,062	3,149	1,299	4,448	3,450	5,121	2,158	7,279
50	54	2,053	3,135	1,292	4,428	3,450	5,096	2,158	7,254
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56		1,984	3,030	1,250	4,280	3,450	4,932	2,158	7,090
57		1,969	3,007	1,240	4,247	3,450	4,893	2,158	7,051
58		1,952	2,981	1,230	4,211	3,450	4,848	2,158	7,006
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Public schools: 2

Headmasters are shy of making examination results known

In the second part of a series on the public schools, Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, looks at their examination results. Why do the independent schools not allow A level results to be published in the interests of parental choice?

The sales pitch of today's public schools is academic excellence. "We will get your child through those O and A levels, and into university," they promise the anxious parent. "Along the way we will build character and educate the whole person, awakening an appreciation of the arts and instilling respect for oneself and others," they add.

Parents buy the package, but more than anything else they buy the promise of exam results. So what are the A level results of the public schools? How do they compare with one another and with those in the maintained sector? The answer is that no one knows because the schools' policy is not to divulge the figures.

The subject has come up several times over the years in the debates of the politics and public relations committee of the Headmasters' Conference, the association of top public schools which meets in Oxford today.

Each time the committee has decided not to make the results public on the grounds that, if it did so, someone would draw up a league table, which would be unfair to a school which is doing an excellent job with average or below children. Such a school might come low in an examinations league table, thus deterring prospective parents, tarnishing its reputation and reflecting an unfair picture.

Mr Martin Rogers, Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, further argues that league tables are bad for children. They add to the already considerable pressure on a child from parents, staff and society generally, he says.

Mr Rogers, headmaster of one of the most academically successful schools in the country, was prepared to give *The Times* his A level results for last year. He said he was not against releasing such information so long as a league table was not compiled.

The Times sought examination results from a small number of the most academic public schools. Most were prepared to release them. All the schools did extremely well.

Rugby refused to speak to *The Times* and Harrow referred the matter to the governors. They commented that they had "grave hesitation about the manner in which league tables are produced" but said that Harrow's pass rate was 93 per cent. Winchester's pass rate was 92 per cent.

Those in favour of publication argue from the consumer's point of view. They say that parents have a right to know what schools' examination results are, and that independent schools should not be frightened to give them because their results are so good.

Mr Tim Devlin, a former education correspondent of *The Times* and former director of the Independent Schools Information Service, who is now press officer for the Institute of Directors, believes that the independent schools should produce the information, because sooner or later someone would do it. It would be better for the schools to control the dissemination themselves, he argues.

Mr John Rae, who is retiring as Head Master of Westminster, points out that league tables have existed for Oxford and Cambridge entrance scholarships and for degree results: why not for A levels? "We should not deny parents crucial evidence on which to make an informed choice", he says. "If we really believe in parental choice, we must give parents comparative figures."

Another proponent, Dr Eric Anderson, Head Master of Eton, puts it more cautiously. "The danger of a league table is that, of course, much depends on the standard of the boy or girl who enters the school in the first place, and a great number of other factors. On the whole I am in favour of being as open as possible about results. Parents would be very foolish if they chose a school simply on examination results because what is important is to get the right school for the child."

Mr Bruce McGowan, head of Haberdashers' Aske's School in Hertfordshire and current chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, is opposed to the idea of a league table but issues his school's results to parents with the prospectus.

He says: "League tables do harm to schools which are jolly good schools. Some independent schools are not particularly distinguished academically, but the way to judge a school is to look at what sort of kids it has got coming in and what kind of job it is doing with them when they get there."

Tomorrow: Porridge and lumpy beds.

A level exam results Summer 1985

	Candidates	A levels	% Grade A	% ABC	% ABCDE (ie pass)
Bradford Grammar School	150	455	30	67	91
Eton	262	767	34	78	96
Haberdashers' Aske's	130	463	34.9	76.4	94.6
King Edward's, Birmingham	99	411	50.6	81.5	95
Manchester Grammar School	515	1545	46.4	84.1	97.5
Radley	117	360	30.3	74.4	95.3
Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne	142	440	28.9	68.4	91.1
Westminster	144	469	43	84	97
Winchester	100	328	41	83	92

Army chiefs should work in industry, study says

By Henry Stanhope

A radical scheme under which the Army's most promising young battlefield commanders would be seconded to top jobs in industry in peacetime, is called for in a book published today.

It also seeks the abolition of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, the mystique of which "offends" other soldiers and civilians, it says, and calls for the commissioning of more officers through the ranks.

Those are among proposals put forward by Brigadier Richard Simpkin, a former offficer in the Royal Tank Regiment, in a study of warfare in the next century that is bound to cause controversy in military circles.

He says that officers in peacetime have to spend too much time pleasing their superiors and have "everything to lose and nothing to gain" by displaying the kind of audacity which wins battles in the field.

That is why, whenever war breaks out, the Army has to spend the first part of it replacing the "atrophied" peace-time generals with those better suited to take critical decisions, he believes.

The kind of men to whom top command should go on the battlefield might be, for example, Sir Michael Edwardes or even Mr Ian MacGregor, who are trained to take big decisions every day of their lives, he suggests.

Brigadier Simpkin says that a select band of officers who show the right qualities should be plucked from the Army at about the level of lieutenant-colonel and found jobs in industry. They could then be recalled to the colours in a crisis. Meanwhile, Nato should strengthen its defences in Central Europe by adding two more army corps, one to be found by West Germany and the other by Britain, and paid for partly by dropping or postponing the Trident missile programme. *Race to the Swift* by Richard Simpkin (Brassey's: £25).

Father faces drug charges

John Shorthouse, the father of the boy aged five who was shot dead during a police raid, faced new charges when he appeared with two other men before the Llanelli magistrates in South Wales yesterday. The three are charged with robbing Mr Norman Aubrey of £180 and two cheques.

Mr Shorthouse, aged 26, unemployed, of King's Norton, Birmingham, faces additional charges of possessing cannabis and possessing with intent to supply. All three were remanded in custody for seven days.

'Observer' case opens in Bath

Committal proceedings started at Bath Magistrates' Court yesterday against *The Observer*, accused of having paid bribes totalling £1,500 to a Civil Servant for defence information.

It is alleged that the newspaper corruptly gave Raymond Williams, a former senior executive officer in the Ministry of Defence Navy department at Foxhill, Bath, two payments in November 1983 of £1,000 and £500 "as an inducement or reward for showing favour".





Robert Guillaume being presented with his second Emmy statuette, by Linda Gray of *Dallas*; and, right, the best actor and actress in a drama series, William Daniels and Tyne Daly.

Chinese leaders in rare public conflict

From Mary Lee, Peking

China's senior statesman, Mr Deng Xiaoping, and the veteran economic planner and chief disciplinarian, Mr Chen Yun, crossed swords in their policy speeches on the final day of the Communist Party's special conference yesterday.

The octagenarians – both members of the Politburo standing committee – gave a rare display of conflict when they addressed the 936-delegate meeting.

Mr Deng, aged 81, who spoke first, said that "the utilization of foreign investment funds in a planned way and the promotion of a degree of individual economy are both serving the development of the socialist economy".

He conceded that "the pernicious influence of capitalism and feudalism has not been reduced to a minimum" and that "some evil things that had long been extinct after liberation have come to life again", but he showed optimism by saying that "as long as we face them squarely and take firm steps to deal with them, it will not be difficult to solve these problems".

Mr Chen, aged 80, however, zeroed in on the effects which Dengist economic liberalization has had on grain production, central planning and party conduct and image. More significantly, he was silent on the link between promoting younger technocrats and continuity of the reforms, particularly the open-door policy.

He merely emphasized the importance of "an orderly succession of cadres from generation to generation" which contrasted sharply with Mr Deng's explanation of the rejuvenation policy: "The succession of new cadres to old provides the organizational guarantee for the continuity of our party's policies".

Mr Chen criticized the way "some peasants are no longer interested in growing grain" and "not even interested in raising pigs and vegetables because in their opinion there can be no prosperity without engaging in industry". He cautioned against the development of township enterprises – a Dengist move – at the expense of agriculture.

Mr Chen went on to attack the methods of reforming the economy, saying that "the general orientation is correct", but the experiments being implemented should be planned carefully and reviewed constantly.

But he is sharpest in his criticisms of senior party leaders who have swayed from the doctrine of good Communist behaviour.

Mr Chen's speech ends with a sharp "that's all I have to say" which, coming after Mr Deng's flurry about the need for all party members new and old to study Marxist theory "not (as) dogma but (as) a guide to action" to "devise solutions to new problems", looks like the last – and very lonely – stand of a conservative revolutionary.

TV Emmy honour for Alistair Cooke

Pasadena (AP, Reuter) – Alistair Cooke, the veteran journalist best known to American television viewers as the host of the Public Broadcasting Corporation's *Masterpiece Theatre*, received the Television Academy's Governors Award at the 37th annual Emmy awards ceremony.

The Jewel in the Crown, produced by Britain's Granada Television, was named outstanding limited series.

Police dramas dominated the awards on Sunday night. The show that won the most golden statuettes was *Cagney and Lacey*, It won in four of the eight categories for which it was nominated: best drama series, best writing, best directing, and the best actress award, which went to Tyne Daly, who plays Mary Beth Lacey.

Hill Street Blues, which needed five awards to become the all-time Emmy leader, ahead of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, also won one award.

The Cosby Show, the mostly highly rated series in its first year on the air, won three of its eight categories: outstanding comedy series, best-written comedy and outstanding director.

Jane Curtin was named outstanding lead actress in a comedy series. *Kate and Allie*, for the second successive year.

Robert Guillaume won his second Emmy, for best actor in a comedy series for his role in *Benson*.

William Daniels was named best actor for his role as Dr Mark Craig in the hospital drama *St Elsewhere*.

Filipino gunmen murder editor

From Keith Dalton
Manila

Gunmen shot dead another Philippines journalist yesterday the twelth killed this year. Like the others Mr Randolph Sunico was killed "execution style", police said.

Four unidentified gunmen stalked the 50-year-old editor of the weekly *Southern Philippines Chronicle* as he returned home from covering an anti-government rally in Davao City, 600 miles south of Manila, they said. When he tried to run, he was cornered and shot with a single bullet in the forehead. He died on the spot.

Mr Sunico is the third Davao journalist killed this year and the 23rd newsman murdered since 1979. Military investigators in near by Zamboanga City are continuing an investigation into the other 22 killings which was ordered last month by President Marcos.

More than 500 Filipino journalists, in a letter hand delivered to Mr Marcos, had complained of official inaction over the other deaths.

In the only case to be solved, a soldier, convicted of killing a journalist in November last year had to be sentenced in his absence to 20 years jail because he had escaped from his cell at military headquarters three months before sentencing.

The National Press Club believes soldiers and militamen could be responsible for a number of the unsolved killings.

President Marcos, meanwhile ordered the armed forces chief, Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos to investigate the killing of 20 protesters shot dead last Friday when soldiers fired on anti-government demonstrators in Escalante.

● ZAMBOANGA CITY: Unidentified men shot and killed the Vice-Governor of Sulu province and three of his bodyguards in the provincial capital of Jolo yesterday.

Poll puts Gandhi ahead in Punjab

From Michael Hamlyn, Chandigarh

As campaigning closed with six bomb explosions before the key election in the troubled state of Punjab, the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, learned that his party is likely to triumph at the polls . . . but that was not necessarily good news for him.

Political pundits, commentators, observers and newspapermen all agree that the best solution for Punjab would be for the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, to form the State government after the election.

If Mr Gandhi won marginally, he could still instal an Akali ministry and provide it with tacit support from members of his party, Congress (I).

But a poll published yesterday by the respected Bombay newspaper *The Times of India*, shows Congress leading by seven points; translated into State Legislative Assembly seats (115 are contested tomorrow) this would mean 76 for Congress and only 41 for the Akalis.

Another significant finding of the poll is that other Opposition parties would be virtually extinguished.

The hopes of the Hindu-dominated Bharatiya Janata Party that it would be a big beneficiary of Hindu discontent with the ruling party in Punjab seems likely to be dashed.

According to the poll, the BJP will get only 3.3 per cent of the vote. The two Communist parties which have combined for the purpose of this election will together get only 4.25

The poll was more or less peaceful until yesterday

But a teenage girl was killed and two other were seriously hurt when a bomb exploded in a car belonging to a Congress woman MP in Batala.

Gun battle at bank kills eleven

Kuala Lumpur (AP) – Eleven people were killed and several others injured in a gun battle between police and 15 robbers who raided banks and an airline office at Lahad Datu, Malaysia and escaped in two speed boats.

The national news agency quoted police sources as saying those killed included a police officer, two bank security guards, two bank staff, two of the robbers and some bystanders. It quoted and official of the British-owned Standard Chartered Bank as saying 10 people were killed there.

The robbers were dressed in what looked like military uniforms and armed with A 16 rifles.

New minister

Bangkok (AFP) – The Thai Prime Minister, Mr Prem Tinsulanonda, named Mr Chirayu Isarangkun, a 43-year-old Australian-educated economist, to replace the former Industry Minister, Mr Ob Vasratna, who resigned last week after an aborted coup.

Paisley protest

Londonderry, New Hampshire (AP) – About 100 protesters demonstrated during an appearance by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unions who addressed about 200 people in a tent.

Heart man well

Amman (AFP) – Abdallah Muhammad Khalid, aged 23, the Arab world's first heart transplant patient, is doing well here, 44 days after surgery by a Jordanian medical team led by Dr Daud Hanania.

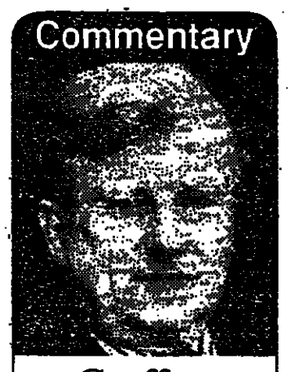
Tamils blamed

Colombo (AFP) Tamil militants are blamed for killing a man and a woman on Sri Lanka's east coast near Trincomalee. Sources believed they were suspected of being informants.

Keeping faith

Peking (AP) – There are 225,400 practicing Muslims, Christians and Buddhists in Peking, according to a newspaper report that quoted the director of the city's Religious Affairs Bureau.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Both Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel made a feature of their proposals for constitutional reform in their Dundee speeches last week.

An Alliance government with an overall majority would introduce the single transferable vote system of proportional representation; legislate for parliamentary assemblies for Scotland and Wales; and probably or possibly (depending upon which David's speech is considered the more authoritative) give devolution to the English regions as well.

Yet neither leader seems to see the need for a referendum before implementing any of these proposals. This would mean that a far-reaching programme of constitutional change could be imposed without any certainty of specific public approval.

Three arguments are used to justify such a cavalier intention: that the proposals would be so obviously popular that the question does not arise; that in voting for an Alliance government the electorate would already have voted for the principal measures in the manifesto: and that anyway Britain is not and should not be governed by referendum.

I cannot see how the first of these propositions could possibly apply to devolution for the English regions or for Wales. Mr Steel promised in his speech only to "shift power to the people and regions of England as the demand takes shape". How is that to be judged beyond dispute unless by referendum?.

When the Welsh electorate voted on devolution in 1979 only 12 per cent gave their support. So how could it be taken for granted that even an improved scheme would have the backing of a majority?

The position of Scotland is a little different because 33 per cent of the Scottish electorate voted for a Scottish assembly in 1979, with 31 per cent against. But to regard that as evidence of a majority for the principle of devolution would be too simplistic.

Both sides in the campaign were maintaining for different reasons that an abstention would have the effect of voting "No", and there must have been quite a number of opponents among the 36 per cent of abstentions.

The result was much influenced by the mounting fear of the slippery slope to independence. So there could be no certainty of public approval next time even for a scheme whose detailed arrangements were much better.

Electoral reform has received large majorities in opinion polls. But the experience of Scottish devolution shows that such majorities can melt when the moment of decision arrives. In any case, no opinion poll can be given constitutional standing.

There is more constitutional significance in a manifesto commitment, but elections are not fought on a single pledge. The election of an Alliance government would not necessarily indicate majority support for its constitutional programme. That could be determined only by a referendum on each measure.

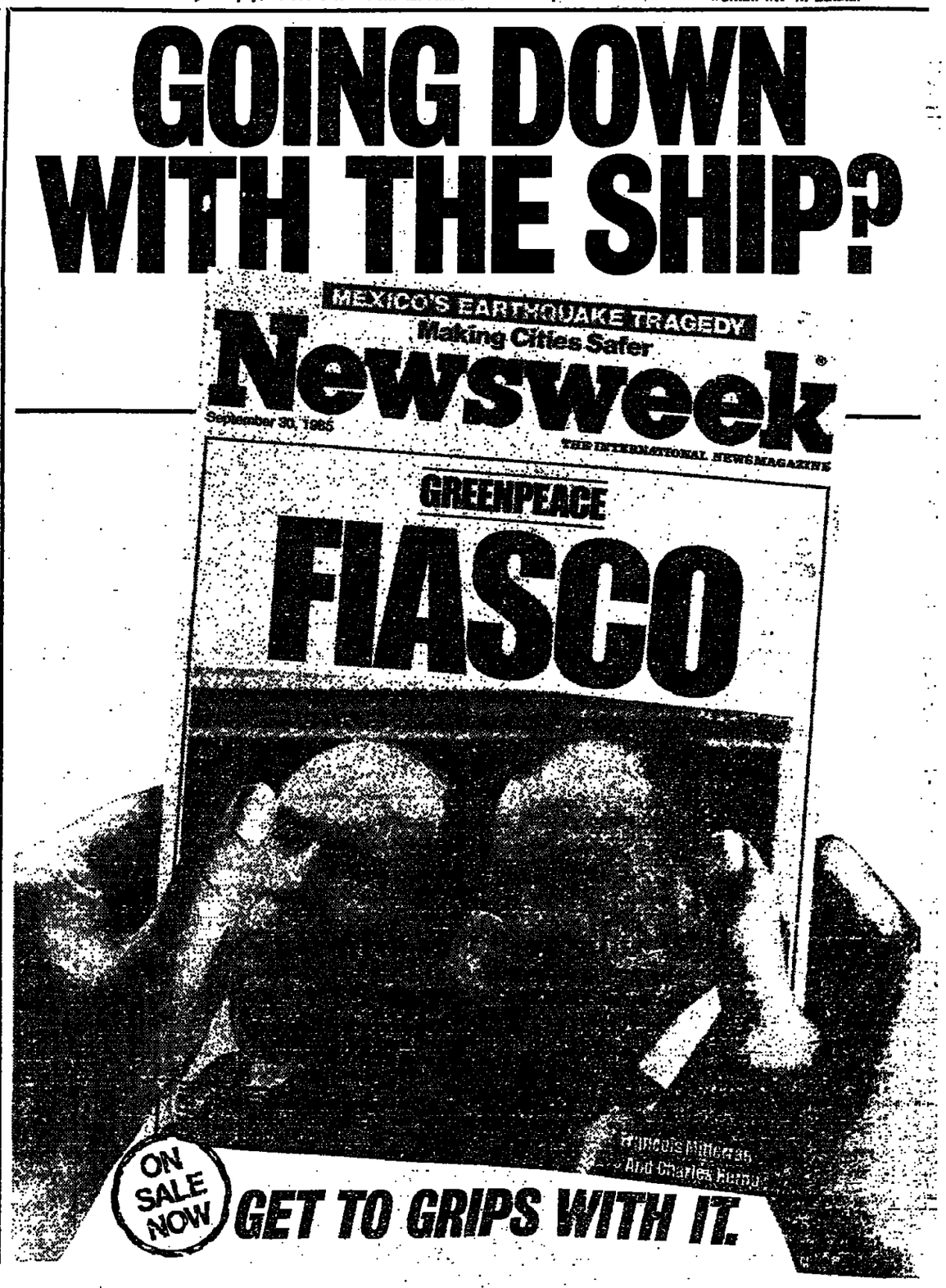
It is not true that referendums are unknownto British constitutional practice. Apart from the devolution referendums in 1979, there was the referendum on British membership of the European Community four years before, and on the future of Northern Ireland in 1973.

All these referendums were concerned with major constitutional issues. They were determining the system under which policy should be decided. for that purpose referendums are acceptable and sometimes essential.

One of the most precious gifts of any democratic country is the public acceptance of the legitimacy of its political system. That can be conferred in a number of ways, not least by tradition. It is no small thing that, with the periodic anomaly of Northern Ireland, Britain has been a unitary state for nearly three hundred years. Nor that it has had essentially the same method of election for centuries.

It does not follow that these arrangements can never be changed. But they should be changed only with evident public approval. To dispense with a referendum for either Scottish or Welsh devolution, when the previous one failed to produce the necessary majority, would be like telling the umpire to stay at home because he had given a displeasing decision. That would look more like John Mc Enroe that the two Davids.

To make even the most popular reform without proving that it had public consent would be bad constitutional practice and worse politics.



Pentagon tries savage cuts to save nuclear programme

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Faced with an enormous curb on military spending in the next five years, the Pentagon plans to slash projected investment on a wide range of conventional weaponry in order to spare its nuclear weapons programme from cutbacks.

Officials emphasize that the US must continue to boost the strategic modernization programme to keep pace with the Soviet Union's massive nuclear build-up.

The nuclear weapons programme, which consumes 14 per cent of the Pentagon budget, will be left virtually intact.

The cuts, which Congress will have to approve, will delay replacement of ageing tanks, ships, missiles and aircraft. Ammunition stockpiles and spare parts will be reduced.

Plans to increase the number of aircraft carriers from 13 to 15 and to expand air force tactical fighter wings from 36 to 40 may be scaled back.

The Pentagon, however, has put strong emphasis on avoiding the cancellation of vital weapons projects and is also anxious to prevent pay cuts which could damage morale.

Administration officials say the Army will bear the brunt of the cuts. It will have 20 per cent fewer armoured troop carriers than planned, 30 per cent fewer Patriot air defence missiles and far fewer helicopters and anti-tank missiles.

There will be a 20 per cent reduction in air force tactical aircraft, a 15 per cent reduction for navy tactical aircraft, with probable cutbacks in heavy transport planes.

Additionally, navy plans for 1989 have been reudced by 20 warships, including six of the billion-dollar Aegis cruisers designed to defend the fleet against air attack.

Because of congressional budget reductions the Pentagon is having to save $40 billion (£28 billion) from its 1987 budget proposals, which President Reagan will submit to Congress in January.

The Pentagon is making only one concession on its nuclear programme. Instead of requesting funds for 48 MX missiles next year, it will seek approval for only 21, thus saving about a billion dollars.

The Administration will request $315 billion – $39 billion less than projected earlier this year. The Pentagon is attempting to cut total of $300 billion from the five-year plan drawn up last year.

Spain takes mystery sea attacks to UN

Madrid (Reuter) - Spain has increased its efforts to track down those who attacked one of its naval patrol boats and a trawler off Morocco, killing a petty officer. Two men were injured and seven fishermen are missing.

The Spanish Foregn Ministry said yesterday that guerrillas of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, fighting Morocco for the independence of the Western Sahara, were considered most likely.

The Foreign Minister, Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, in New York for the UN General Assembly, discussed the matter with the foreign ministers of Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania, and diplomatic sources in Rabat say that the Spanish Ambassador, Señor Raimundo Bassols, called on the Moroccan Foreign Ministry.

On Saturday a telephone caller claiming to represent the Polisario in Paris told a Spanish radio station the group had attacked the ships. But Polisario in Paris yesterday denied having claimed responsiblity, and Polisario officials in Algeria said they lacked information.

In the incident, the naval vessel Tagomago came under fire from the shore while searching for the seven crew of the trawler Junquito, which had been seen ablaze about a mile off the coast.



A Sunni Muslim militiaman with an American M16 rifle patrolling a rubble-strewn street in Tripoli during a shaky truce before yesterday's flare-up.

Militia war flares up as Tripoli truce fails

Tripoli (Reuter) – Fierce fighting broke out again yesterday in this north Lebanon city after a 12-hour lull in militia battles which have caused more than 400 casualties in eight days.

Clashes and artillery duels flared in mid-afternoon, police said, while Beirut Radio reported that two Israeli warplanes broke the sound barrier over the city.

Police said residential districts far from militia battle lines were coming under artillery fire. Seven shells fired from outside the city burst 60 yards from its police headquarters.

Fighting and shelling had stopped earlier after Syrian Army officers held talks with Sheikh Sayed Shaaban, chief of the Sunni Muslim fondamentalists battling the pro-Syrian "Arab Democratic Party" (ADP) for control of the city.

Violence on Sunday night killed five people and wounded 45, bringing the toll to around 95 dead and 330 hurt, police said. Up to 250,000 of Tripoli's 700,000 people had now fled to safer areas nearby.

● BEIRUT: President Assad of Syria congratulated President Gemayel of Lebanon yesterday on the third anniversary of his inauguration and pledged to help him end Lebanon's civil war, official sources said (Reuter reports).

Archbishop's envoy seeks release of Lebanon hostages

By Clifford Longley

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's secretary for Anglican Communion affairs, flew to New York last night as part of his latest efforts to secure the release of Western hostages from Muslim groups in Lebanon.

He is to meet the Rev Benjamin Weir, the American Presbyterian minister who was released last week in Beirut, to discuss what further steps to take, based on the knowledge Mr Weir obtained in captivity.

Mr Waite was involved in Mr Weir's release. But as 11 hostages – four French, six American, and one British – are still held, details of his intervention have not been made public. It is understood there has been contact between Mr Waite and the Islamic Jihad group, and possibly other groups involved, and that he has been trying to establish a relationship with them, without publicity, for about a year.

After his success in gaining the release of British missionaries from Iran after the revolution, and later his dealings with President Gadaffi of Libya to win the freedom of British hostages there, the American Presbyterian Church appealed directly to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, for help in Mr Weir's case.

The hostages are being held in retaliation for the imprisonment of 17 Arabs in Kuwait for bombing the American and French embassies in 1983. The British hostage is Mr Alec Collett, a freelance writer with the UN Relief and Works Agency.

Anger at Thatcher move

Jerusalem – Britain's Ambassador to Israel, Mr William Squires, was called in yesterday to receive a formal protest from the Israeli Government about Mrs Thatcher's decision to invite two Palestine Liberation Organization executives to London and recent British arms deals with Jordan and Saudi Arabia (Ian Murray writes).

The angry note said the actions "constitute a significant deviation from past British policy." Mr Moshe Arens, acting Foreign Minister, said the PLO was a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel, while the arms sales were being made to two countries still in a state of war with Israel.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the vice-premier, is certain to register a protest with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, at the UN General Assembly in New York today.

McFarlane predicts arms breakthrough

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's National Security adviser, has predicted in a surprisingly optimistic statement that there is "a very good prospect" that within a year there will be some kind of arms agreement with the Soviet Union.

He reiterated in a television interview on Sunday that there would be no US compromise on developement anbd testing of the controversial Strategic Defence Initiative, which Moscow opposed bitterly.

But he pointed out that the superpowers had mutal interests in strategic defence, fear of the consequences of nuclear action by third nations and reducing offensive arms systems. "I think that what we will define is what mix of offence and defence serves security interests of us all."

He repeated President Reagan's argument that SDI should not become a bargaining chip in the Geneva arms talks because it is the best potential deterrent to a continued build-up of nuclear weapons and because the Soviet Union's offensive strength is increasingly immeasurable.

The President's position, he said, was that both the superpowers could gain by the integration of non-nuclear defence into their forces and dispensing with nuclear weapons.

Mr McFarlane said that a recent Soviet denial that Moscow was developing a star wars system of space weapons to defend against nuclear attack was simply a lie.

Human rights, he said, would be raised by President Reagan at the meeting with Mr Gorbachov in Geneva in November adding that it was "the leading issue on our agenda."

President Reagan said in his weekend radio address that the Soviet Union had engaged in a military build-up which far exceeded any rational definition of its defensive needs.

"These policies have inflicted bitter costs on the Soviet peoples", he said. "Every week Russian soldiers are dying in Afghanistan, while their standard of living has changed accordingly. Mr Gorbachov can change this. He can set in train a policy of arms reduction and and lasting peace . . ."

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Chile

Pedro Fernandez Lembach

By Caroline Moorehead

At 9 o'clock on the evening of May 8, 1980, Pedro Fernandez Lembach was on his way to a cinema in Santiago when he and his girl friend, Costanza Villaseca, were arrested by the CNI, the Chilean secret police.

Señorita Villaseca was eventually freed, and now lives in Britain. But her boy friend is in Linares prison, serving a 10-year sentence on charges of illegal possession and manufacture of explosives.

Family, friends and the Chilean Committee for Human Rights insist that these charges are false.

At the time of his arrest he was 29 and worked as an assistant in a chemist shop. During the first 10 days of his detention he was tortured repeatedly – watched by Señorita Villaseca – with the result that his health appears to have been affected permanently. He has a gastric ulcer, a nervous allergy and problems with his upper jaw.

Before his trial, which came three years after his arrest, he was moved constantly from prison to prison.

In December 1983 Britain granted him a visa, and his lawyer has appealed for his sentence to be commuted to one of exile. A verdict is pending.



Pedro Fernandez Lembach: poor health after torture

Spy scandal delays deal on high tech

From Mario Modiano
Athens.

Official American and Greek delegations met here yesterday under strict secrecy to negotiate an agreement to protect US military technology made available to Greece from voluntary or involuntary leaks to the Soviet bloc.

The Defence Department is withholding clearance of the sale of 40 F16 fighter aircraft to Greece until the Greek Government signs the deal, known as GSOMIA, General Safety of Military Information Agreement.

Washington was said to be particularly anxious to safeguard the high technology incorporated in the plane's new radar system by Westinghouse, as well as recent upgrading of its instrumentation.

The Athens negotiations are being held against the embarrassing background of a multiple espionage scandal involving the alleged sale of defence secrets and Western technology to the Soviet Embassy here.

A Greek junior naval officer and two electronics experts charged with espionage in three separate cases, were apparently named by Mr Sergei Bokhan, a Soviet diplomat in Athens who defected to the US last May.

Western sources suggested that although the Greek Government appeared to be more co-operative in plugging these security leaks, its response had been too slow and so widely publicized that the whole operation may have been jeopardized.

The espionage scandal coincided with a crackdown by Greek security services on an alleged terrorist ring. The arrest of three men last week was described as an important brea thorugh in the anti-trrror drive.

The case had all the ingredients of tragi-comedy when it was revealed that the main suspect, Mr Daniel Krystallis, accused of bomb outrages and political murders, had infiltrated the Greek central intelligence service (KYP) in 1976 and had served as a paid informer on terrorist activities for five different Greek security and information service.

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THE WORLDWIDE WELCOME

France faces a bill for millions

Lange demands a heavy price

From A Correspondent, Wellington

New Zealand will seek compensation from France amounting to millions of dollars, the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said yesterday after the admission that French secret agents sank the Rainbow Warrior.

Notice of the claim had been lodged with French authorities on September 6 and Mr Lange said it would include a sum to compensate Greenpeace for the loss of the ship. Final details of the total involved were still being worked on.

"I am talking millions," Mr Lange said, adding that he believed the admission of the French Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, that agents of the DGSE had caried out the attack also meant France would move towards a settlement of the claim.

Mr Lange described the affair as "a sordid case of state-backed international terrorism" and summoned the French Ambassador to his office at noon. He later indicated he expected a formal apology from the French.

After a Cabinet meeting, Mr Lange took strong exception to M Fabius's statement that the agents had acted under orders and that it would be wrong to blame them for the July 10 attack on the ship in Auckland harbour. Such statements were "provocating and inflamatory" and not a defence.

Mr Lange said it implied that the three agents in hiding in France and wanted by New Zealand police would not be made available. The two agents held in New Zealand, Commander Alain Mafart and Captain Dominique Prieur, would go on trial on charges of murder, arson and conspiracy as scheduled on November 4.

The trial would go ahead "irrespective of whether the other alleged perpetrators continue to receive the cover-up of the French Government."

Mr Lange noted that Fabius's statement had not revealed who ordered the sabotage of the ship, who funded it and at what political level that authorization had been given.

Greenpeace reported yesterday that its protest yacht, Vega, had anchored off the South Pacific nuclear testing site on Mururoa Atoll, closely shadowed by a French naval tug.

The vega would await the arrival of the organization's flagship, Greenpeace. France has said it will use force against the protest boats if they breach the exclusion zone around the test site.

● CANBERRA: Australia demanded a full apology from France yesterday (Reuter reports).

"The Australian Government expects the French Government to act within the bounds of international law and civilized conduct and to take account of world and regional opinion," the acting Foreign Minister, Mr Gareth Evans, said.

"At the very least a full apology by the French Government is now clearly called for." The statement is the strongest yet by the Canberra Government which has been muted in its criticism

Australia welcomed France's admission and "its undertaking, however belated, to conduct a thorough investigation of the whole affair".

Mr Evans said Australia remained appalled at the action. "Recalling Prime Minster Fabius's previous call for the perpetrators of the crime to be brought to justice, Australia looked forward to that occurring without delay or qualification."

Greenpeace may reject any out-of-court financial offer

By Richard Dowden

Greenpeace will try to press its advantage after the admission by France that its agents sunk the Rainbow Warrior, and will demand that Britain formally condemns the French action.

It may also reject any financial offer of compensation for the sinking and the death of one of its members, preferring to pursue the French Government through the courts to gain greater publicity for its campaign against nuclear testing.

Mr Lloyd Cutler, the Greenpeace lawyer, said in Washington yesterday that the French admission of guilt may be a prelude to an attempt to make out-of-court settlements with New Zealand, Greenpeace and the dead man's family.

The admission "changes the entire situation", said Mr Cutler, a Washington-based international lawyer who has waived his fee for Greenpeace in this case.

"Now that the French have said that their agents did it, their legal responsibility and their moral responsibility is clear. They may now be willing to make payments without going through litigation."

The French would clearly like to avoid the embarrassment of further revelations and may want to secure the early release of the two agents, Commander Alain Mafart and Captain Dominique Prieur, who are in jail in New Zealand charged with murder.

Mr Cutler said the claims would be in millions of dollars and that the options for Greenpeace were to pursue the French Government through the French courts, pursue it in New Zealnd or take it to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

France does not recognize the international court and has refused to abide by its rulings, so Greenpeace may also take the case to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

A Greenpeace spokesman said yesterday that no final decision had been made, but the compensation money was secondary to the campaign to stop nuclear testing. He said Greenpeace would be asking Britain for a specific and formal condemnation of France over the incident.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain viewed "with the gravest concern" acts such as the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior wherever they may occur

"We hope that the French authorities, having admitted responsibility, will act swiftly to compensate those who have suffered in this affair". He offered "appropriate diplomatic support" to Greenpeace if the organization asked for help.

Greenpeace has also requested a British inquiry into the sinking.

Countdown to French confession

By Richard Dowden

France's admission that it ordered the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior came after months of bland refusal to comment on the incident.

July 22: Mr David Lange the New Zealand Prime Minister, says he knew who carried out the attack and why. It had political overtones but there was no evidence to link it with a foreign government.

August 6: New Zealand detectives arrive in Paris and ask to see particular secret service people, but France refuses New Zealand's request for an inquiry.

August 8: President Mitterrand writes to M Laurent Fabius, the French Prime Minister, asking him to set up an inquiry into French involvement and insisting that the guilty parties, however high up, should be punished. M Mitterrand also writes to Mr Lange promising co-operation with the New Zealand inquiry.

August 20: M Charles Hernu, the French Defence Minister, says he is not considering resigning over the affair.

August 26: The Tricot report states "as far as my information goes at present . . . there was no official French responsibility".

August 27: Mr Lange rejected the Tricot report and says France is "of course involved".

August 27: M Fabius says he condemns "the criminal attack".

September 15: M Mitterrand calls the affair "criminal, absurd and stupid".

September 20: M Hernu resigns.

NZ defiant over nuclear ships law

From A Correspondent
Wellington

The New Zealand Prime Minister, put an optimistic interpretation yesterday on United States intentions to review defence commitments to New Zealand legislation banning the entry of nuclear ships.

The Cabinet, yesterday considered what appears to be negative response from the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, to a New Zealand initiative taken to Washington last week by the deputy Prime Minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer, in an attempt to begin Healing relations.

Mr Shultz said that New Zealand proposals to respect the US right to refuse to disclose which ships carried nuclear weapons but instead to make its own assessment was unacceptable.

It would continue to compromise the US Navy's policy neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons aboard ships.

Mr shultz's response was followed quickly in Washington on Friday by a State Department warning that the United States would review its oblications under the 44-year-old defence pact should Mr Lange's Government go ahead with legislation to enforce its anti-nuclear policy.

Mr Lange said after yesterday's Cabinet meeting that the legislation would be law by the middle of next year.

He said that New Zealand would welcome a review by the United States of the Anzus treaty, and that such a review could only be in New Zealand's interests.



Rescuers comforting a woman survivor in Mexico City as a crane lowers them to the ground. She had been trapped in a block of flats for more than 57 hours.

Praise for role of Britons in Mexico quake rescue work

By Our Foreign Staff

A British lecturer who escaped the Mexican earthquake unhurt last night described how other Britons had worked through the night to help rescue teams recover bodies from the rubble.

One group of students from Portsmouth Polytechnic is said to have worked with torches helping to locate buried survivors.

Others, led by Mr Nicholas Brown, a young British teacher at the Institute Anglo-Mexicano, set up a help-line collecting information from Britons and Mexicans wanting to get news to Britain that they and their families were safe.

Dr Charles Posner, aged 43, a lecturer at London University's Institute of Education, who flew back to London at the weekend, said the British community "responded marvellously to the tragedy".

Dr Posner, who was just getting up from bed when the first earthquake struck on Thursday morning, remembers looking out of the window of his seventh floor flat and seeing "tower blocks of flats swaying around like flowers in the wind".

But the second earthquake on Friday evening was more alarming to those who survived the first, he said. "We thouth we could not possibly be so lucky as to escape twice and that the second time would be the end."

Dr Posner, who was in Mexico advising the Mexican education department for the British Council, was staying in the Coyoacán district of the city, virtually untouched by the quakes. He said he would be lobbying the Government to send more aid to Mexico.

"While £500,000 is a first step, the extent of the tragedy there is enormous. I hope the Government will be making it clear that more aid will be made available in the term."

Three other Britons who escaped the earthquakes unhurt said last night they had gone on a sightseeing tour of the Mexican countryside after the first quake struck, totally oblivious of the scale of the tragedy.

Mr Geoff Oliver, of Gravesend, Kent, a fitter with the Hello engineering company, was staying with his colleagues Mr Norman Morgan of Canterbury, Kent, and Mr Mark Oliver, also of Gravesend, in Mexico City after completing a contract for the Mexican Government to fit out army vehicles.

They were told by hotel staff not to be alarmed – that the quake was only a 'tremor'. So the three went on a coach tour in countryside to the north of the city and saw little damage, but after the second quake they went straight to the airport and caught a flight to Miami.

● Oxfam aid: Oxfam last night announced that it has made £250,000 from its catastrophe budget available to local staff in Mexico City to provide bedding, food, clothing and medical supplies for the injured and homeless.

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Crash jet engine lost all power

New York – One of the two engines on the DC9 airliner which crashed in Milwaukee last month lost all power during take-off (Trevor Fishlock writes). The second lost about a fifth of its power, according to investigators. All 31 people on board were killed.

The engines were versions of the Pratt and Whitney JT8D, the most widely used commercial jet in the world. An engine of the same type, though a different model, exploded on the British Airtours Boeing 737 at Manchester in August.

Twin-engined airliners are built to be flown safely after the failure of one engine. Investigators of the Milwaukee crash believe that the 20 per cent loss of power in the DC9's left engine may be related to the total power loss in the right.

Airflow into the left engine may have been interrupted as the aircraft yawed after the right engine stopped: or a compressor may have failed as the left engine was pushed to full power. Investigators have yet to discover what happened.

Police accused of assault

Rouen (AFP) – A court here indicted 12 policemen on assault and morals charges brought by five youths after they were questioned about a robbery in this northern French town, court sources said.

The indictment ended a seven-month investigation into the incident last February when the youths, some of them Arabs, claimed they were subjected to "racist insults, violence and indecent behaviour... torture and barbaric acts" by police

Argentine deal

New York - Israel is selling Argentina a Boeing 707 equipped with ship and aircraft tracking equipment, according to a *Newsweek* report. The deal was concluded before Britain's decision to sell fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

£2m swindle

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Gert Rademayer, aged 49, a former South African public servant, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for swindling the state-run electricity corporation of more than £2 million.

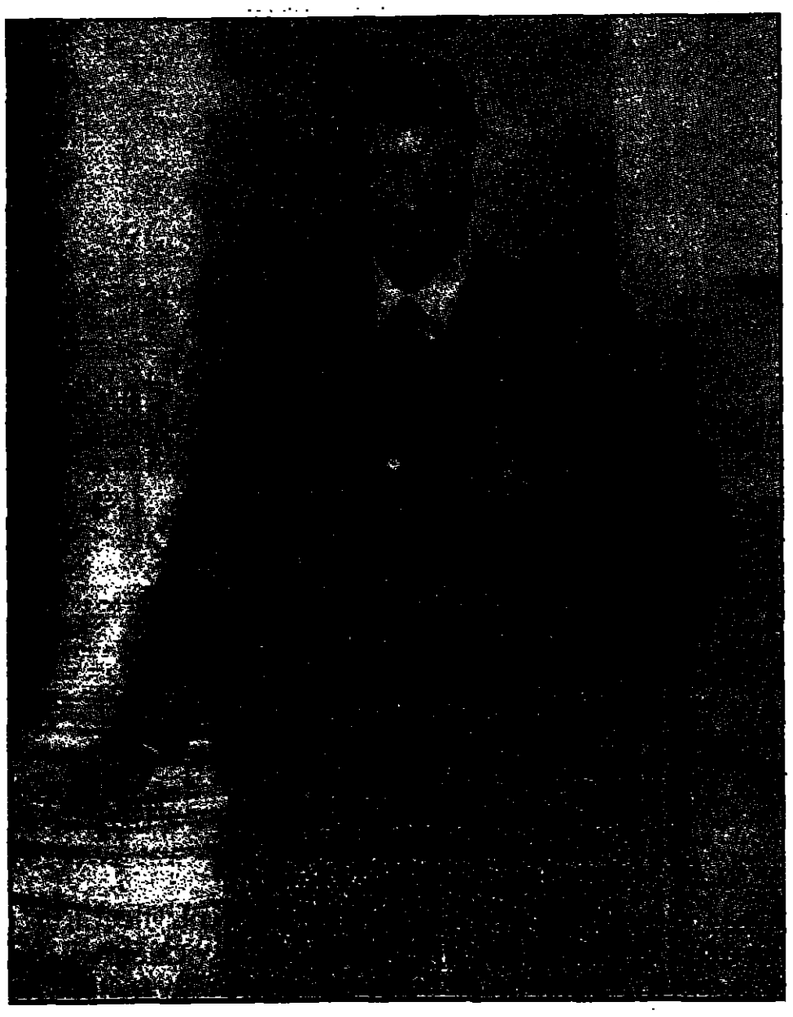
Dowry murder

Delhi (Reuter) – The husband and mother-in-law of a young Indian woman were sentenced to life imprisonment for burning her to death in a dowry dispute.

Chernenko St

Moscow (AP) – A Moscow street has been renamed after the late party leader Konstantin Chernenko, who would have been 74 today. He died on March 10.

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Researcher 'defects' to East

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

An espionage investigation has been started against a medical researcher at the University Clinic in Mainz, West Germany, who is believed to have defected to East Germany with his daughter, the federal prosecutor's office at Karlsruhe announced last night.

As in the case of the Willners – the secretary in Chancellor Kohl's office, and her husband, whose defection was revealed last week – the latest defector announced his act in a letter from East Germany

The prosecutor's office spokesman, Herr Hans-Jürgen Forster, said that the man's home was being searched. He would not comment on any possible first results of the search.

The man was reported last night to have been deeply in debt. This suggested that the defection might have had a "personal" cause, as in the case of Hans Joachim Tiedge, the West German counter-espionage official who defected on August 19

Shultz tells Moscow to stop playing the propaganda game

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, yesterday appealed to the soviet union to take the issue of arms control from the propaganda arena to the bargaining table and allow the Reagan-Gorbachov summit in November to be held in a businesslike atmosphere.

Addressing the fortieth session of the United Nations General Assembly with an audience eager to see East-West relations define themselves, Mr Shultz made the opening move in the pre-summit political stagecraft which is expected to dominate this week. He said Soviet propaganda about the Star Wars programme was "blatantly one-sided and not be be taken seriously".

Behind the curtain which encloses Soviet society, Mr Shultz said, a strategic defence prospect had proceeded for decades. The Russians had the world's most active military space programme conducting about 100 launches last year, compared with a total of about 20 US launches.

"So let's get down to real business, with the seriousness the subject deserves," Mr Shultz said, "and let us do so in the quiet of the negotiating room, where we can really make progress on narrowing our differences."

He will meet Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, tomorrow as part of the preparations for the summit. In what is clearly designed to embarrass the Americans, the Soviet Foreign Minister is expected today to present before the Assembly a proposal for the convening of an international conference to ban all space weapons.

In his speech Mr Shultz blamed a lack of Soviet responsiveness for slow progress at the nuclear and space arms talks in Geneva, but avowed American determination to reach an equitable agreement. He repeated President Reagan's assertion that strategic defence could lead to a safer world and gave no indication that the Administration would submit to Soviet insistence that its own cuts in offensive nuclear arms were dependent on the US agreeing to discuss a ban on all aspects of Star Wars, except in theoretical research.

Mr Shultz clearly sought to counter the Soviet effort to put the US on the defensive. While trying to expose the Soviet campaign to court international public opinion for what it was, Mr Shultz hit hard at what he said were the inherent deficiencies of the communist world. Adventurism in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola was a breed of "new colonialists".

The Secretary of State concentrated on the ideological differences between East and West and spoke at length about what he termed "the democratic revolution" taking root in El Salvador and Guatemala which had eluded Nicaragua.

Referring to South Africa, he said the issue was not whether apartheid should be dismantled, but how and when. The outcome - race war or racial coexistence - depended on whether and how quickly the Botha Government could accept the new reality and on whether men and women of peace on both sides could seize the opportunity.

Pretoria faces uproar over resettlement

Uproar has greeted proposals announced yesterday by South Africa for the resettlement of some 42,000 people (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg). They are predominantly African but also include mixed-blood, Coloureds and Indians and a few whites, as part of the "consolidation" of the Zulu tribal "homeland" of KwaZulu.

The proposal, which has been five years working its way through the government bureaucracy, comes at a time when Pretoria is seeking to project a reformist image. Earlier this year, the Government suspended all population removals pending completion of a review of future policy.

Earlier versions of the "consolidation" plan envisaged the removal of up to 500,000 people, but even in its scaled-down form it is certain to meet with fierce resistance.

Howe meeting tests Kremlin mood

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

The state of Anglo-Soviet relations in the wake of two rounds of tit-for-tat expulsions was given its first test yesterday with a meeting between Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

Although the meeting, held in the margins of the opening debate of the United Nations General Assembly, had been planned well in advance of the angry recriminations, it was a timely opportunity for Britain and the Soviet Union to gauge each other's mood and to see how quickly relations could return to a semblance of normalcy.

Sir Geoffrey said before the meeting that the issue "would not be ducked" in the interest of easing tensions, but official sources made clear that Britain was interested in pursuing an Anglo-Soviet dialogue, despite the shadow of the spy affair.



Sir Geoffrey: Will not duck spy issue

This was the second meeting between Sir Geoffrey and Mr Shevardnadze, who met last month in Helsinki. British official sources said the Government never intended to cancel it and that there had been no signals from Moscow that it intended to carry on its retaliation by cancelling talks.

Sir Geoffrey this week will take the opportunity to meet foreign ministers from a broad geographical and political cross section. Talks with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, of Israel, are likely to be one highlight after Mrs Thatcher's controversial invitation to a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

The next three weeks will witness the extrances and exits of more than 100 foreign ministers, who take advantage of the opening of the Assembly and diplomatic season to arrange dozens of bilateral meetings on international issues.

There will also be 10 heads of state and seven prime ministers in New York for the general debate, though the main concentration of world leaders will come during the third week of October, when the UN commemorates 40 years

Pretoria seeks US help to rescue Unita from defeat in Angola

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa is believed to be seeking American backing for a military operation to relieve pressure on the hard-pressed Angolan insurgents of Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement.

Two senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Dave Steward and Mr Les Manley, flew to Washington on Sunday night, reportedly with a brief to seek either direct US aid for Unita or support for any action South Africa may take, or is already taking, to assist Dr Savimbi.

The Unita leader has confirmed that his forces, said to number about 12,000, are engaged in fierce fighting with Angolan troops at Mavinga, about 150 miles inside Cuando Cubanco province and only 120 miles north of his bush headquarters at Jamba, near the border with Namibia.

South African sources say the dramatic change in the balance of military power in Angola, where only a year ago Dr Savimbi seemed to be getting the upper hand, has been caused chiefly by the supply of new Soviet fighter aircraft to the Luanda Government.

In the past 18 months, the Angolans have received 23 MiG23s, 17 MiG21s and 10 SU22s, all fighter-bombers suitable for supporting ground attacks, and 25 MI25 helicopter gunships, ideal for anti-guerrilla operations, the sources say.

Western diplomats here believe the South African figures are broadly correct, though there may be a tendency to exaggerate the strength of the Angolan Government's armaments to justify whatever counteraction Pretoria may be engaged in or contemplating.

Diplomats also say they have reason to accept the truth of Angolan claims that South Africa's 32 Battalion, an élite commando unit used before in clandestine cross-border operations, has already gone into Angola to help Unita.

The week-long South African sweep about 300 miles to the west against guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), which ended on Sunday may have been a feint to divert attention from the Unita rescue operation.

Defeat for Unita would be disastrous for Pretoria, removing an important obstacle to Swapo infiltration from Angola into Namibia and possibly enabling the Luanda Government to send home the 30,000 Cuban troops on its soil, whose presence is the only pretext Pretoria has left for not granting independence to Namibia.



Country music comes to the aid of the beleaguered American farmer in the shape of Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings, performing at the Farm Aid concert.

No heir left in Springer mould

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

Like so many press barons, Axel Springer, who died from pneumonia on Sunday after a 15-day illness at the age of 73, leaves no heir in the same mould.

As a result of arrangements made only a few months ago, the Springer Concern – which has vast publishing interests, as well as *Bild Zeitung*, the largest-selling newspaper in either Europe or North America – will perhaps become a rather faceless corporation.

The surviving son, Raimund, an advertising salesman, is only 23, and was never intended to inherit his father's position. The preferred son – Axel Springer Jr, editor-in-chief of his father's Sunday paper, *Welt am Sonntag*, shot himself in 1980.

In what is taken as a sign that he believed death to be approaching, Springer put 49 per cent of his company's shares theoretically on the open market in May. The sale was carefully controlled to ensure that the firm remained in German hands.

Springer is said to have given up day-to-day involvement in company affairs in his later years, but his presence was always felt. *Bild Zeitung*, by remaining rumbustiously right-wing, continued to defy the disapproval of West Germany's intelligentsia.

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Zimbabwe's political foes reopen unity talks

From Jan Raath
Harare

Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, and the Zapu opposition party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, are due to resume talks aimed at unity.

Mr Maurice Nyagumbo, who holds the position equivalent to secretary general in the powerful Zanu (PF), Politburo, said in a report published yesterday by the leading daily newspaper, *The Herald*, that Mr Mugabe had appointed a three-man committee to talk to Zapu.

The announcement comes in the midst of a series of vigorous anti-Zapu measures instituted by the police, seemingly backed fully by the Government. Last week, shortly after the detention of two more Zapu MPs, Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, said he would "wipe out" Zapu within the next few months and more detentions could be expected.

Questioned on this yesterday, Mr Nkomo said: "Well, I think the future of the country is more important than detentions. Never mind about statements. This (the talks) is what is happening."

No date has been set for the discussions, but Mr Nyagumbo said they would be held soon. Neither leader will be involved.

The first set of unity talks ended in October 1983, with both parties claiming their differences were irreconcilable.

World union calm over Scargill rival

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

The miners' International Federation, the 95-year-old rival to Mr Arthur Scargill's new militant International Mineworkers' Organization, has played down the importance of the new body, which held its inaugural conference last weekend.

Mr John Pickering, a spokesman for the federation, said: "We are still going to remain the most effective organization for mineworkers and getting things done. That applies to our work in education, in our support for the miners in South Africa and in terms of trade union work in general.

"There have been reports in various newspapers that seemed to assume we would react badly. But the matter was discussed in 1983, before the National Union of Mineworkers left the Federation."

The NUM left after other affiliates of the federation tried to discipline it over its intention to set up a new organization.



Aid marathon nets $10m

New York – Money rolled in yesterday after stars of country music and rock 'n roll ended their marathon Farm Aid fund raising concert to help thousands of American farmers on the brink of ruin (Trevor Fishlock writes).

More than $10 million (£7 million) was pledged by people telephoning the Farm Aid number from all over the US.

The organizers, headed by country star Willie Nelson, are hoping that sales of records and video tapes will bring the total to $50 million over the next year. An audience of 80,000 in a football stadium at Champaign, Illinois, paid $1.4 million to see the 14-hour concert, with such stars as Johnny Cash, Neil Young and Waylon Jennings.

Economy's revival under threat

Restive unions put social deal at risk

*On Thursday President Julio Sanguinetti faced the first general strike against his six-month-old democratic Government by Uruguay's unified labour union movement. The strike, called in support of a month-old walkout by the railway workers, was only the latest sign of growing labour unrest that could upset Señor Sanguinetti's ambitious plans to get the economy back on track, as **Douglas Tweedale** reports in the second of this two-part series.*

Uruguay's labour movement has reacted to democracy as if someone had suddenly lifted the lid off a pressure-cooker. In the six months since Señor Sanguinetti took the oath of office as Uruguay's first democratic leader in 12 years, there have been no fewer than 236 labour disputes, compared with only a handful in more than a decade of military rule.

The country's combined union movement, the PIT-CNT, has already called three general strikes in protest against the Government's economic policies, the same number as during the entire period of military government. (Thursday's strike was the first to be carried out: the other two were averted by last-minute negotiation.)

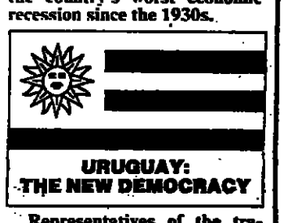
This effervescence of union protests is due in part to the novelty of democratic liberties which permit such activity. One member of President Sanguinetti's (moderate) Colorado Party said these liberties "have gone to the heads of some of the younger inexperienced union leaders".

Another reason, administration officials admit, can be traced to the deplorable state of the economy left behind by the military, with real wages at a level nearly 50 per cent below 1968 levels. And some observers believe there is also a touch of political antagonism behind the wave of strikes. Most of the Uruguayan unions are controlled by leaders linked to extreme leftist political parties.

But whatever the reason, a growing number of Uruguayan leaders believe a solution must be found soon if the labour unrest is not to derail President Sanguinetti's ambitious, but delicate, programme to get the economy moving again.

In recent weeks, administration officials say, they have scored a number of successes. After months of negotiation, the Government obtained approval for its non-recessionary economic adjustment plan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) early in September. It also successfully concluded a renegotiation of Uruguay's $4.7 billion foreign debt.

Talks between Señor Sanguinetti's party and the main opposition parties have been moving towards one of the Government's main goals – a multi-party forum for a "social dialogue" in which all sides could agree on the sacrifices that must be made to overcome the country's worst economic recession since the 1930s.



URUGUAY: THE NEW DEMOCRACY

Representatives of the traditional Blanco Party, the left-wing Frente Amplio coalition, and the tiny Civic Union have agreed on a tentative agenda for the "social dialogue". But Government spokesmen have said it cannot begin until the labour situation has calmed down.

The most immediate problem is the month-old railway workers' strike, which led to Thursday's general stoppage.

At least one mediating effort by a member of the Colorado Party has failed, but both sides seemed optimistic the conflict would be resolved soon.

"Union tranquility is perhaps the most important condition for the success of Sanguinetti's programme," said one Western diplomat, "because all these strikes and problems are scaring away the new foreign investment Uruguay needs so desperately."

The Sanguinetti formula for modest growth without inflation, while at the same time paying interest on the foreign debt, is based on attracting new foreign investment, boosting exports, and keeping government spending at 1984 levels.

A new budget, to be presented to Congress soon, shifts spending away from military and security items to housing, health and education; and diplomatic sources said Señor Sanguinetti plans to use changes in the tax structure to raise the living standard of the lower-paid.

The chances of sorting out the labour conflicts do not look too bad. Until now, the leaders of the political parties have been able to reach a consensus through an informal series of "summit meetings" and most observers believe they will be able to do so again.

Concluded

Hawke's identity cards will trip tax cheats

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Australia, regarded widely as a nation of rugged individualists, is to introduce compulsory identity cards in 1987. Public opinion polls point to acceptance, and no significant opposition has emerged.

The "Australian Card" is foreshadowed in the tax reform package announced last week by the Hawke government, though the idea has been debated for some time as an antidote to rampant tax evasion and dole offences, estimated to cost between $A6 billion and $A7 billion (£3-3.5bn) annually in lost revenue.

In a last-minute watering down of the proposal before the full Parliamentary Labour Party gave its approval on Wednesday, it was decided that the card would not carry a photograph of the holder.

Advocates cite the case of the Sydney waiter who used 37 aliases to secure $A242,000 in unemployment benefits. The Australia Card would stop such abuses, it is claimed, and would ultimately save the government about $A540m a year.

Critics say, however, that not only is the card indefensible on grounds of principle, but that its effectiveness as a counter to tax evasion is exaggerated.

Justice Michael Kirby, a former New South Wales law reform commissioner, says: "Link the card to computers, and Big Brother will have his ultimate triumph in a way that Orwell and Kafka could scarcely have imagined."

The Government insists that it is aware of the risks, and that safeguards will be built in to legislation.

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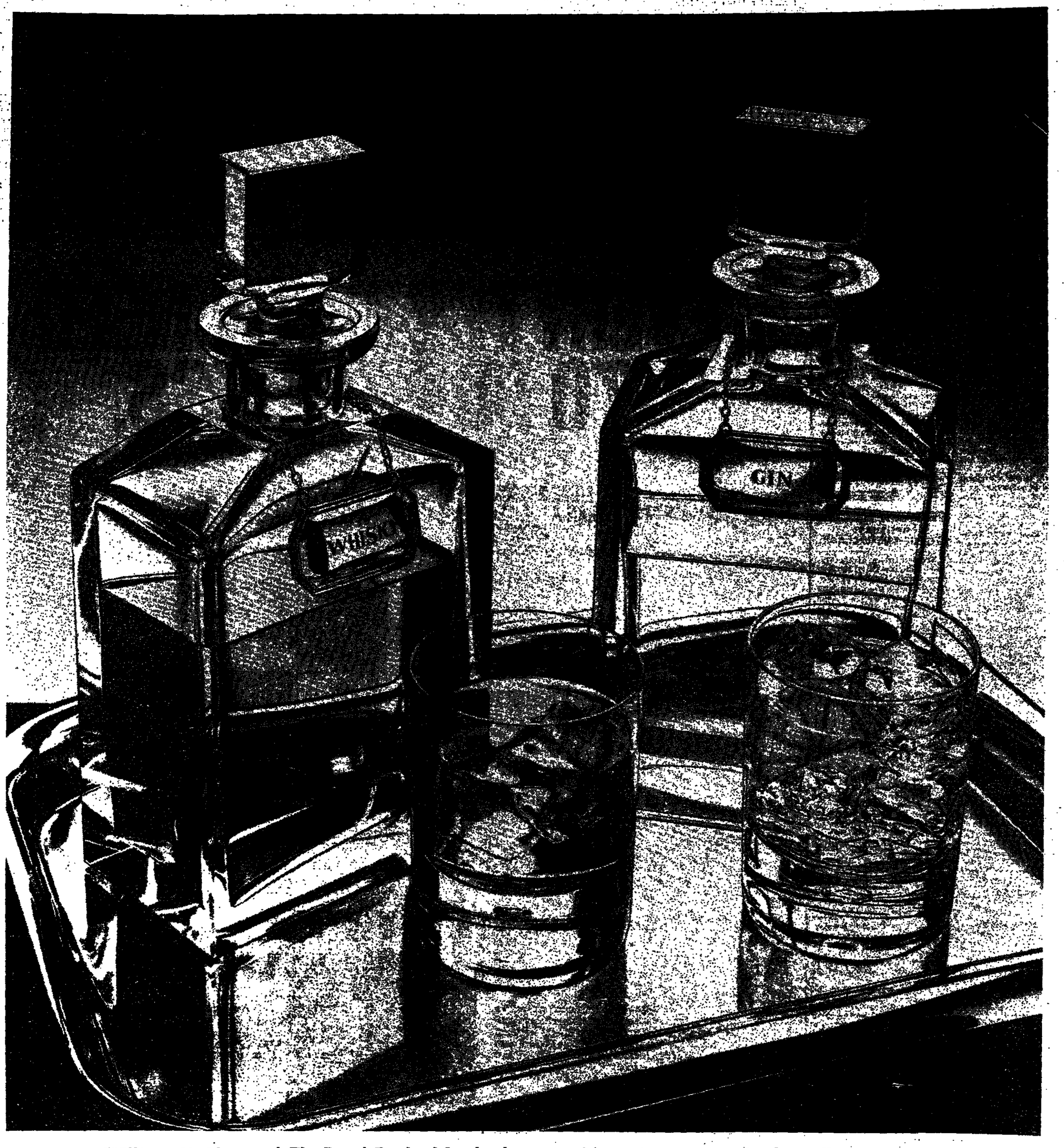
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THE ARTS

Galleries

Toughness under the lyric grace

Howard Hodgkin/ Jacqueline Poncelet
Whitechapel Art Gallery

Miguel Fernandez
Whitechapel Library

Howard Hodgkin: Prints
Tate

Ivon Hichens
Waddington

First World War Galleries
Imperial War Museum

Masterpieces of the Avantgarde/Three Decades of Contemporary Art
Juda Rowan

In a week dominated by openings and anniversaries, pride of place must obviously go to the unveiling, after two years' work, of the newly expanded, refurbished and in every respect beautified Whitechapel Art Gallery, described by Jane Withers on the Spectrum page yesterday. It is no insult to say that the new splendour of the surroundings rather eclipses the actual art-works with which the gallery opens: a show of **Howard Hodgkin's** paintings 1972 to 1985 – 50 of them, which gives a fair conspectus even if it does not quite constitute a retrospective – and a smaller show of recent ceramic sculptures by **Jacqueline Poncelet**. (The Hodgkin show runs until November 3, the Poncelet until October 6).

What the redevelopment has done, miraculously, is to leave the main body of the gallery feeling very much as it was, if in detail whiter and more open (and, we are assured, at last adequately temperature- and humidity-controlled), while sneaking in, round the corner as it were, a new staircase from the lobby straight to the top floor, and on the other side a lecture theatre, a new restaurant, a group of smaller meeting-rooms, and a new small gallery up top. Within Harrison Townsend's imposing Art Nouveau facade, there was little detail that imperatively needed preserving – just a couple of artsheds, in fact. This feeling has been retained, and the turn-of-the-century feeling brought into the interior in subtle ways, with white-painted doors with small squares of glass inserted, a little like Mackintosh or Hoffman, and small chequered patterns on the steps.

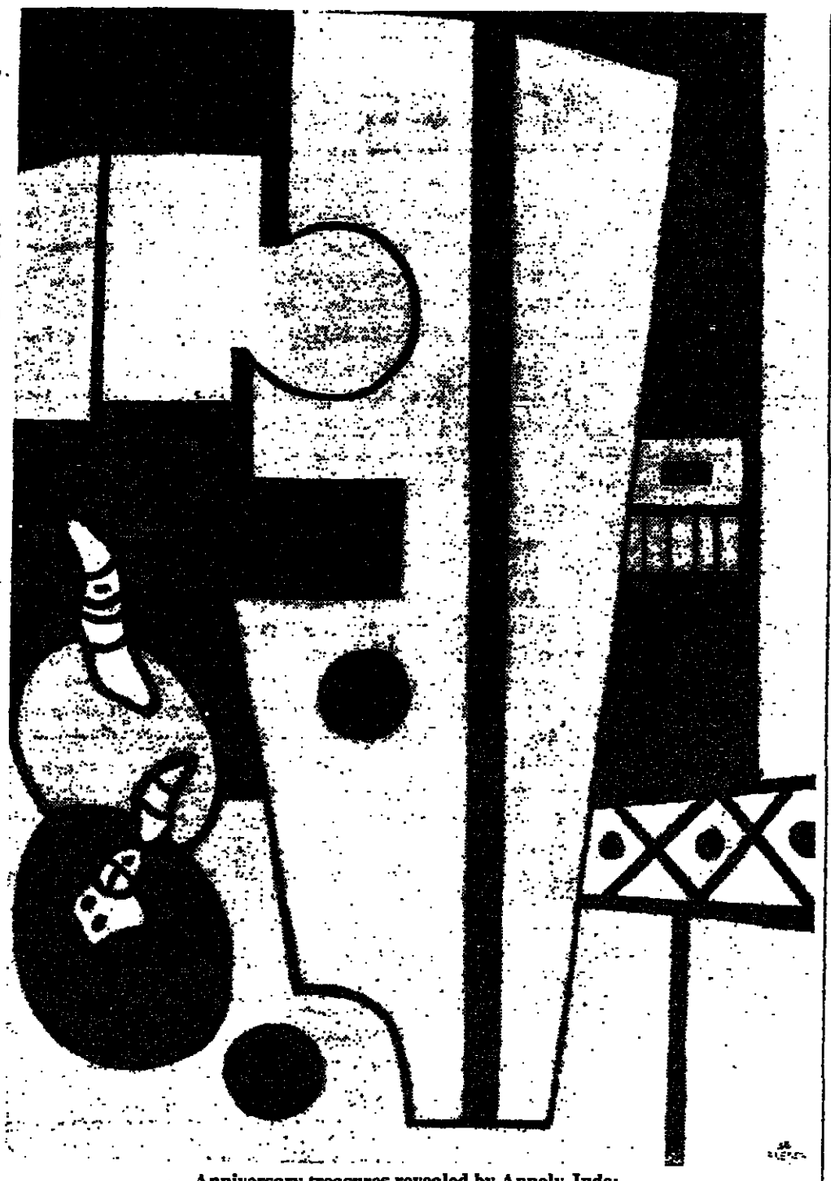
The art in these first shows comes off pretty well too. The Hodgkin show is the same as was seen in the British Pavilion of the Venice Biennale last year (and much admired), with the addition of another 10 pictures, not all of them new, to make up a suitable complement for both the lower and the upper galleries. This, of course, is a considerable amount of space, and it must be admitted that some of the smallest pictures, hung for some obscure reason downstairs, do look a little lost; even the bigger ones seem slightly strung out on the giant white walls. (Hodgkin himself would possibly have preferred them to be the particular shade of green he selected for Venice, but it would obviously have been asking a bit much of the gallery to have it sprayed this exotic shade just for the opening show.)

Upstairs, however, there is no doubt of the effect. It has been rather the habit to say of Hodgkin's work that it is decorative, implying "merely", but this succession of specific images (portraits, interiors, landscapes) gradually overlaid with coloured dots and washes of colour until the result becomes (though the painter denies it) quite abstract, has a kick and a sense of the tough resonableness beneath the slight lyric grace. No one painting in Britain now has a richer, more voluptuous sense of colour, or a clearer idea of what he wants to do with it. Hodgkin is perhaps fundamentally the same kind of painter as Ivon Hichens, and, while one can understand his success in America, it remains a kind deeply embedded in the British grain.

While the Hodgkin show does not tell us much we did not know already, the Poncelet suggests a significant new development in her work. Up to very recently her ceramics, while far removed from any consideration of function, have still clung to vestigial references to the vase, the flask, the platter. Now she cuts completely free, and makes instead curious organic-looking constructions that writhe on the floor or climb laboriously up the walls. The potter is becoming unmistakably the sculptor, and it is an exciting process to watch.

This little show is ideally suited to the space of the new small gallery. It is also the sort of show which, while the Whitechapel Gallery itself was closed, has been taking place with the gallery's blessing in various locations, likely and unlikely, scattered round the borough. It is pleasing to see that the reopening of the major gallery has not meant the instant cessation of these fringe activities. Right next door, for instance, at the Whitechapel Library, there is until October 10 a very lively show devoted to works on paper by **Miguel Fernandez**, whose canvases I was noticing recently in the still-life show at Edward Totah.

"Works on paper" often implies something small; here, though most of the odd symbolic scenes with cryptic titles like *Blue Quiet on a Tree* or *Someone Knows of Our Meeting* or *Sleeping Dogs Lie* are of quite modest proportions, there is also a large triptych,



Anniversary treasures revealed by Annely Juda: Léger's *Composition aux deux fruits* of 1938

Lost in the Deep, as well as a couple of other sizeable works. The themes, varied as they are, all have the same obsessive quality – nude men and women amid giant leaves, mysterious dreams and pursuits, which suggest at once details from the fantasy fiction of J. G. Ballard and the proto-Jungian images of Blake. What would Blake, or Yeats, have made for instance of the picture winningly (and precisely) entitled *A Big Baby with Two Golden Eggs*? It is a curious talent, but decidedly one to watch.

Moving away from the East End, I should at least mention that there is at the Tate Gallery until December 1 the most comprehensive showing yet of **Howard Hodgkin's** prints from 1977, when he began on his continuing series of colour aquatints, often with hand colouring added, as well as etchings and lithographs, which carry the painterly print to some of the limits of its possibilities and assume at times almost the same weight as his paintings. There is also, at Waddington until the end of the week, a small but choice show of **Ivon Hichens** paintings – landscapes and nudes, all more or less abstracted in his characteristic style – which may be useful should you wish to check on Hodgkin's antecedents.

There are other new galleries opening. At the Imperial War Museum the section devoted to the **First World War** has been completly reorganized, taking visitors through the various stages of war on the Western Front, in the Middle Eastern desert, and at sea, with ample illustration of the role played by artists in the conflict (very fine Nashes – John and Paul – Roberts and others) and some wonderful works of unconscious art, such as the German dummy tree observation post (a sort of arboreal Iron Maiden) and the British sniper's camouflage suit straight from science fiction. And until Sunday it all brings you out, appropriately enough, in the middle of Charles Sargeant Jagger, a sculptural treat not to be missed.

As for the anniversaries, the most exciting is that marked by two shows at the Juda Rowan Gallery, **Masterpieces of the Avantgarde**, which runs until December 20, and the first of **Three Decades of Contemporary Art**, the Sixties, which runs until October 19, to be followed by the Seventies and the Eighties. The point of the beginning in the Sixties is that both of the now constituent galleries, Annely Juda and the Rowan Gallery, began to operate then, and this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of Annely Juda's start in the business. The Sixties part features artists shown by both galleries at the time, and whenever possible works that they actually sold then. Robyn Denny and William Turnbull survive very well. Anthony Green was then just embarking on his painted autobiography; and in the whatever-happened-to department one would be glad to hear more of Anthony Donaldson, Avinash Chandra, Klaus Friedeberger and Patrick Scott.

Upstairs the continuing preoccupation of Annely Juda with the classics, particularly Constructivist, of early twentieth-century art is finely displayed with wonders of the kind one hardly expects to come on the market any more: a classic Léger of 1938, two of Malevich's early representational paintings (one of them repainted in 1928 when the original was destroyed), an outstanding major Picasso, a splendid Goncharova *Baigneuse* of 1912, a monumentally simple 1948 Balthus. And so the catalogue goes on. It is a record difficult to match, an extrordinary mixture of business acumen and the loftiest personal taste. Long may it continue!

John Russell Taylor

Television

Delicate dramatic strengths

Dennis Potter's dramatization of Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night* (BBC 2) began with the meeting of Dick Diver, a young American psychiatrist in the heroic period of his life, and Nicole, a bewitching schizophrenic with whom he falls in love, at a Swiss sanatorium.

The version of the novel which was first published by Fitzgerald in 1934 introduced the couple after six years of marriage, as glamorous figures on the Riviera whose dark secret was held at bay by a life of frivolity seriously pursued. Not until halfway through the book does the reader learn that Nicole's madness stemmed from an incestuous early relationship with her father.

The straightforward, chronological arrangement of the story was one which Fitzgerald himself decided upon after the novel's failure; at his death in 1940 he had not completed a full revision of the text.

A love story beginning in a mental hospital inevitably has a darker tenor than one unfolding on a beach at the Côte d'Azure, but the early premonition of disaster undoubtedly strengthens the dramatic interest of the narrative. There is a tendency to judge Fitzgerald as much on his lifestyle as his literature, particularly with a work which is seen as partly autobiographical.

This opening episode was full of delicacy and beauty, with images subtly used and the majesty of the Swiss landscape always in the background. The sense of place and period was precise but never overpowering, and the crisp phrases with which Fitzgerald crystallized his characters were tucked neatly into the dialogue.

Peter Strauss as the fatally attractive Dr Diver was perfectly cast and may well escape the fate of actors with classical good looks and be acknowledged for a fine performance at the end of this six-week run; as Nicole, Mary Steenburgen corresponded not at all to Fitzgerald's description of a Viking madonna, but projected appropriate allure without a trace of cuteness. Edward Asner, familiar as Lou Grant, contributed a robust cameo as the millionaire father overfond of his child. If the lighter aspects of the tragedy are handled with the same confidence as this blighted beginning *Tender is the Night* will be a memorable adaptation.

Celia Brayfield

Hilary Finch meets the Soviet pianist **Andrei Gavrilov** (right), whose Rachmaninov at the Festival Hall tonight is likely to be anything but routine

Full-frontal assault



Clive Barda

Andrei Gavrilov is a man in a hurry. He is likely to run on to the Festival Hall stage tonight, gobble up Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto, and run off again. At 30 years old, he plays, and talks, as if time is running out.

It has a lot to do with the fact that he is still conscious of making up for lost time: for four years, in fact, from 1979 and Afghanistan onwards, when he was unable to travel and play in the West. When the cold war was at its coldest, and all cultural agreements between East and West had been cancelled, Gavrilov decided to make his own détente. Last February he returned to the United Kingdom to make further recordings with EMI, with whom he has worked since 1976. In March, two days before his return appearance at the Festival Hall, he heard that the Soviet authorities had given him and his wife, Natasha, permission to extend their stay here. On top of his one-year extended visa, he was promised another two years, to fulfil his contracts. Was it the first step towards asking for political asylum?

"No never! That would be terrible. My Ministry of Culture were very shocked and didn't understand at first. But then they realized I didn't want to make a political noise, that I just wanted to be free to play the piano everywhere. Doing my job best, travelling around as a Soviet citizen. I'm doing my job for politics too. I go back in December for the Russian Winter Festival, but now I want to play 70 per cent of the time in the West – just to redress the balance."

Gavrilov's sense of urgency, almost of bravado, is apparent in his performing style, too. Like a pianist from an earlier, pre-recording era, flamboyant in wing collar, in entrance and exit, he plays his audience, like an actor, every bit as much as his piano. "I love my audience, yes! After all, music is the most immediately communicative art of all: it goes straight to the heart and then to the head (with the performer, though, it should be the other way round). You shouldn't carry anything for yourself: you should give it all to the audience."

This strategy of full-frontal assault dates from 1974 when, after winning the Tchaikovsky Competition, he was telegrammed to go to Salzburg where Sviatoslav Richter was ill and had just cancelled. "There was a scandal. The audience booed: they hated me. They hadn't come from all over the world to hear an 18-year-old boy. I felt so excited – so angry – that I played the programme of Scarlatti, Haydn, Mozart, and then just went on and played more and more and more – Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, the lot. It was childish and I wouldn't do it now, but it worked. At the end they went crazy and the police had to help me escape, like a pop star."

That was the beginning of his friendship with Richter. Richter, whose art collection includes Picassos and Chagalls, had always admired the paintings of Gavrilov's father, Vladimir; and the influence of the two men has obviously nourished Gavrilov's own culturally eclectic approach to his playing, particularly of Scriabin.

"Scriabin is a genius of such high order that you simply have to be exceptionally well educated to understand what is going on. And that goes for the listener as much as for the performer. You have to be *ready* to play Scriabin. And there is an enormously wide field of reference to assimilate. Russian Expressionism in art: Kandinsky, Malevich, then our symbolist poets like Blok and Akhmatova. Think of the Sonata No 8, for instance: full of compressed ideas which break up and change all the time while remaining the same.

"It's like a crystal, a prism: when you turn it, it changes as fast and as complex as a kaleidoscope. To play it you have to know how it works and how Scriabin handles it. It's really for a very small circle of performers – and listeners."

Unlike Rachmaninov? "Yes. Scriabin is after all sick music, a form of decadence, which Rachmaninov is absolutely not. There, everything is so simple. You have to fight against the cliché which so quickly become a standard of playing. They make me *very* angry, *very* upset. All this stupid ritardando and rubato: it's lazy, it's wild, it's bad taste, and not at all Russian. It's very easy to have success with Rachmaninov – you can have a cliché a bar if you want to. But I'm going for different tempos, different proportions, the ones Rachmaninov wanted. You probably won't realize what concerto it is I'm playing."

● Influenza has obliged Giuseppe Sinopoli to withdraw from tonight's Philharmonia concert, which will now be conducted by Guido Ajmone-Marsan.

Rock

The Pogues
Hammersmith Palais

The riotous rise of the Pogues from last year's novelty cult band to the ranks of the top 10 with their recent album *Rum, Sodomy & the Lash* may have taken some observers by surprise. But their irrepressible and irreverent approach has always produced an enthusiastic response at live performances.

In drawing on the wealth of melody inherent in traditional Celtic folk music and placing it in a modern urban setting they have achieved a curious crossover. Their single "Dirty Old Town" sits comfortably beside the work of Brendan Shine and the Fureys on the juke boxes of traditional Irish pubs in Kilburn, while their live audience, displaying the rowdy self-sufficient bonhomie of a friendly football crowd, belong to the young punk rockabilly generation.

Success may have distanced the band from their audience in so far as the familiar stage invasion which marked their earlier gigs was forestalled at the Palais by sturdy crash barriers. But from the moment the band took the stage and lurched into "The Sickbed of Cuchulainn" the crowd leapt into a careening, body-slamming motion that swept back and forth across the jammed floor.

Shane MacGowan, the singer, best personifies the group. His spectacularly eroded teeth contribute to a comically gormless look: unshaven, boss-eyed, either shamelessly drunk or woefully hung-over, he sang in a rasping bronchial brogue of endless inebriated revelling and the death or dying of the old and the young through war, poverty and drink.

Despite the seemingly depressing subject-matter of the songs, the cocky, careless enthusiasm of the band was contagious. Although they have improved as musicians since their early days, they still resemble a bunch of hooligans giving an impromptu ceilidh rendering at the wrong end of a New Year's Eve party.

Applying the original punk maxims of brevity and break-neck celerity, the innocent rhythm of the cut-time jig and the basic instrumentation of tin whistle, accordion, harmonica, banjo and so forth became charged with a repetitive nagging energy. As the band played a long stretch of encores one wondered how much longer they can sustain such an entertaining portrait of self-abuse.

David Sinclair

Concerts

Pantheistic commitment

LSO/Abbado
Festival Hall/Radio 3

To say that this performance of Mahler's Symphony No 3 gained in assurance as the music became softer is not to cast aspersions on the virility of the LSO's fortissimos. The opening movement – that vast, savage march in which the world is prised from the grip of winter – was by no means ineffective. The horn fanfare thrilled; the succeeding deep sonorities were calculated by Claudio Abbado with chilling effect; the trombones, dry and earthy, added much to the icy mood and the string tremolandos had a diaphanous, eerie quality that matched Mahler's conception perfectly.

But one or two other experiments with timbre clearly did not work. The flutes, for instance, striving for a "white" expressionless quality, merely sounded untuneful. Moreover, the triplet rhythms that sprawl ubiquitously throughout this movement were occasionally marred by untidy ensemble.

As Mahler progressed into his pantheistic catechism, however, so Abbado's ideas seemed more apt, and his balancing of this magically orchestrated score more certain. The minuet was lightly done and the scampering episodes kept very tight and neat. The scherzando initially preserved this lightness, but here the episodes were bursting with roisterous fun, and the rhythms accentuated perkily. Here, too, was an almost perfect realization of the notoriously difficult offstage posthorn solo.

Its haunting quality set the mood for Jessye Norman's marvellous evocation of "the deep midnight". The part is really not for soprano, but few mezzos could match the creamy timbre of Norman's chest voice, nor her artistry at floating pianissimo notes with just enough strength to penetrate the orchestral texture. It was a pity that members of this capacity audience could not clear their throats at more auspicious moments than during the lower strings' sepulchral unison opening to this movement.

What followed could not match the emotional intensity of the opening, but it had its own attractions. The Southend Boys' Choir and the women of the London Symphony Chorus sang their "bimms" and "bamms" with great gusto. Then came the finale, Mahler's first great adagio, which Abbado phrased with the utmost tenderness. The multi-layered strings at the opening seemed almost too serene, but then Abbado let the *subito pianissimos* and the ravishing chromaticisms of the violin-writing rise to a high level of passion, and the exhilaration was comfortably maintained through the bombast of the final pages.

Such a symphony is a concert in itself, yet this performance (which opened the autumn half of the LSO's "Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century" Festival) had a curious preface: Berg's Altenberg Lieder. Jessye Norman's admirable control, as she descended from a *sotto voce* top A at the end, will stay in the memory. Nevertheless it felt strange to be drinking interval coffee just 15 minutes after the concert's start.

Richard Morrison

Bochmann Quartet
Purcell Room

William Alwyn died on September 10, just 10 days before this concert which had been planned as an eightieth birthday celebration; instead there was an inevitable undertone of sadness to the London première of his Third String Quartet, completed early last year and itself a memorial to one of the composer's friends.

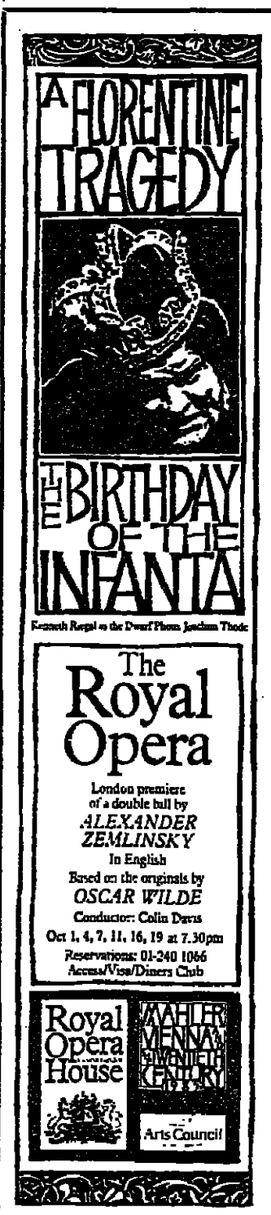
Alwyn's exceptional fluency and craftsmanship were most typically at the service of textures of distilled clarity (a perfect resource for string-quartet writing), but he was also capable of music of great force and even violence of expression. Both extremes were much in evidence in this remarkably powerful two-movement work, which integrated a startlingly wide range of ideas with undemonstrative mastery.

I found myself thinking of Schoenberg's First Quartet, or Zemlinsky's Second, but have no idea whether Alwyn liked such music. Possibly not; but he may have found himself converging on a similar expressive world, from a different direction, whether consciously or not. The fierce intensity of the gestures and harmony of the first movement certainly raise such comparisons, whereas the sustained elegy of the second related to much more familiarly English territory; even here, though, there was room for a brilliantly fugitive dance-like central section.

The Bochmann Quartet gave us a suitably impassioned intepretation of this memorable work. They had begun with a sturdy account of Haydn's Quartet, Op 20 No 4 (itself a little feast of invention), and David Willison later joined them for Elgar's Piano Quintet, mentioning that this had been Alwyn's own choice to round off the concert. Perhaps it was hardly surprising in the circumstances, but this wonderful piece cannot have had too many performances of quite this order – by turns fiery, exalted and uneasily contemplative as the music demanded. A moving experience.

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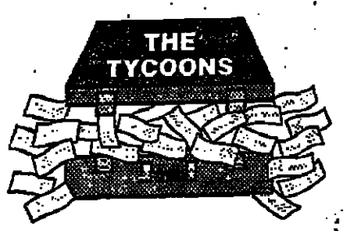
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SPECTRUM

French Connection: second in a three-part series on Britain's entrepreneurs

A label marked success



Stephen Marks took an independent route from rag trade to riches with a clothes empire that now spans the world. William Kay reports

Peter Thornor



Stephen Marks floated his French Connection Group on the Stock Market in 1983 when he was 37 years old. Within a year the value of his shareholding had soared to more than £40 million.

In the fashion business, notorious for the speed at which fortunes can be made and lost, Marks is one of the new generation of top designers with staying power now pushing up behind Coco Chanel, Yves St Laurent, Pierre Cardin, Hardy Amies, and Mary Quant.

He is a bearded, burly man who has always preferred to do things his own way. From a modest launch pad turning out women's coats and suits under his own name, he has put together a group which spans the world, designing for the French Connection label in London, making up the clothes in Turkey, India and Hong Kong and selling them in Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Tokyo as well as in Britain.

Yet it could have been very different. When Marks, who was born in 1946, left secondary modern school in Harrow, north London, his first thought was to become a world-class tennis player. "I was pretty good", he says. "I played for my county and at Junior Wimbledon, but I didn't have the dedication. It just wasn't in me."

It was not long before the pressure grew for 17-year-old Stephen to relegate tennis to a hobby. He admits: "I had to find a job. My pocket decided that. I had always got on with people, talking to people was important to me. I went for a job with one of the big chains of women's clothes shops. One of the people doing the interviewing knew my father. He was in the women's coat business and asked me to work for him. I just drifted in. I worked there for six years. I made the tea, swept the floors, delivered the coats – you name it. It was great training, although it was purgatory at the time."

Sheraton, his first employer, taught Marks two things. It was among the first companies in Britain to use a computer and its administrative controls were excellent. But Marks felt it failed to follow through by co-ordinating marketing and product.

He explains: "The sales people said they couldn't sell the style, and the production people kept saying the design couldn't be made up. In the end all the clothes used to look the same.

"One time they asked me what I thought, so I said they all looked the same and they said 'Shut up, what do you know?' so I shut up. But it made me realize that clothes have to be designed well and have to look different if they are going to sell."

Marks was eventually made assistant sales director at Sheraton. After two years he was approached by the firm that had the UK licence for Louis Feraud, the French high fashion designer of women's suits, with the idea of launching a coat range for young women under the name Miss Feraud. It was another eye-opener.

He says: "The showroom was immaculate. It was fitted out in the latest style and looked a picture. Then they opened the door to the workroom, and it was like being back in the Stone Age: dingy, overcrowded and completely disorganized. They were making wonderful clothes, probably the most expensive clothes in England at that time, and they were using wire hangers for them and switching them on to wooden hangers when they were being delivered.

"I spent two years travelling the country selling Miss Feraud. I was doing 14 hours a day, six days a week. I was loving it, because I was doing everything and I knew what was going on."

But he was becoming increasingly conscious that he was working very hard for not very much in return. He brought matters to a head. "I said to the people running the firm, I'm doing half a dozen people's jobs and not getting paid enough for one. So they said you can be a director. I asked them, does that mean I get shares in the company? No, they told me. Does it mean I get more money? No. So I said in that case I do not want to be a director. I thought why not go out on my own?"

The youth cult of the Swinging Sixties was in full flow and he was brash and self-confident enough to follow the trend of personalizing the names of fashion firms. He simply stitched "Stephen Marks" into the clothes he sold.

"After my experience at Sheraton, I started with the idea that production was the most important thing", Marks says. "If it doesn't sell at retail, you ain't in business. You have got to have organization and you have got to deliver on time."

The Stephen Marks label soon became associated with smart and elegant suits at a price high enough to be affordable only by a fashionable minority. That meant he could build in a healthy profit margin, but volume was automatically restricted.

Marks recalls: "For the first six months I did not draw a penny from the business. In the first year we had £180,000 turnover and made £18,000 profit. But that first year seemed like ten years. I had borrowed £7,000 from the bank and £10,000 from Peter Collins (a fellow tennis fanatic then running his own successful dress company) to get started. But every month that I was owing money to the bank and to my best friend just made me depressed".

In the second year Marks doubled his profits to £36,000, enabling him to pay off his friend's loan.

> **'To be successful in England is comparatively easy. In America it is much more difficult'**
>
> **Stephen Marks**

Not long afterwards, Marks met Pierre D'Alby the Paris designer who had a fateful effect on his business. "I felt I needed a collection instead of just making one-off garments" Marks explains. "So I went to Paris and met all the fashion companies there. That's where the name of our company came from. At first it was going to be French Collection; but then one day a friend suggested calling it French Connection after the film."

In the early days, the connection took the form of Marks selling D'Alby's clothes in London. It was to assume a more far-reaching form when D'Alby came back from a trip to Hong Kong in 1972 with a quarter of a million shirts. En route to Hong Kong for another consignment, Marks stopped off in India and found there were plenty of people who could be persuaded to make up dresses at low cost. Soon he was visiting India 14 times a year, to take advantage of the high volume and low costs the Indians could offer.

In 1973 the company had been asked to take space in the Oxford Street branch of Top Shop – an invitation that gave Marks the idea of opening his own retail outlets. He started in Walton Street, near Sloane Square, well-placed for the Sloane Ranger trade. Now he has 20 shops in Britain.

French Connection's American connection was another of Marks's unplanned moves. Just as D'Alby persuaded him to go east, he had to be talked into going west in 1976 by a persistent bundle of energy named Michael Axelrod. Such was the size of the US market and the determination of Axelrod that by the end of this year, Marks will have half a dozen shops in the United States.

The dramatic impact that the US has had on French Connection's sales has been matched by the way it has opened Marks's eyes to the gap between the European and American approaches to business.

He explains: "To be successful in England is comparatively easy. To be successful in America is much more difficult. It's not just that the competition is tougher; they have much stronger ethical standards. If the delivery date is the 31st and you are only an hour late the order is cancelled. Then they come back and offer you half price."

What the Americans have learned from Marks is that design sells. He has always led his design team from the front. "I was in design from day one", he says. "I get inspiration from the things around me, from the streets, newspapers, a tablecloth.

"I was in a toilet in Delhi and banging on a door was this glove for you to clean your shoes with. It was made of exactly the type of brushed cotton I was looking for. I went out into the local market, found out where it came from and placed the order."

Marks has almost from the start made a point of gathering talent around him. His chief designer is Nicole Farhi, who trained in Paris. She lives in London with Marks and they have a daughter. In 1985 the group opened the first shops under the Nicole Farhi name, selling clothes designed and chosen exclusively by her.

Further down the scale, the design team is constantly supplemented by freelances who might come in for only one season. Marks regularly trawls the best of the crop from the Royal College of Art for recruits, who can only gain from a spell at a leading house.

In 1981 Marks finally achieved his ambition of emulating his old employer, Sheraton, by installing a computer to control stocks and feed back management information. There were short-term adjustment problems but, by the time he went public, Marks was able to convince the City that these difficulties were past. Today, his company employs about 600 people, and is still small enough for Marks to exert a strong personal influence.

"I believe in dictatorship", he says. "If it's a day-to-day question, then the person running the French operation will make the decisions in France, whoever is running the retail side will make the decisions about retail, and so on. If it is something more long-term, then I deal with it. I think that too many cooks spoil the broth."

TOMORROW

The big men in travel, food and life insurance

Adapted from *Tycoons: where they came from and how they made it* by William Kay, published by Piatkus on Thursday, price £9.95.

On stage in Athens – and it's quite a performance

John Haynes

There is nothing that the Greeks like more than something with a Royal or a National in it when entertaining a cultural mission from abroad. Failing these, they will gladly settle for Shakespeare, particularly when he comes in classical garb.

Last week, with the visit of the National Theatre's *Coriolanus* to the Herod Atticus Theatre in Athens, they were able to boast two of these things, as well as a real English knight in the ample form of the company's director, Sir Peter Hall. They had flown out from London with 62 assorted actors and technicians to install their Olivier Theatre production for two nights in the open air, just a tribune's yell from the Parthenon.

It was quite a performance – and I am thinking not just of the play but of the pilgrimage itself. For a start there was the Washington Symphony Orchestra playing at the theatre on the evening they arrived, which meant an ensuing night of utter chaos as the set-builders – always the poor bloody infantry in these operations – faced the task of building Rome in a day.

The designer John Bury had the idea of recreating as closely as possible the circular stage of the Olivier, together with two semi-circular sections of seating behind it, on which the audience doubles as plebeians.

Almost as the applause faded for the orchestra and the musicians left the stage, on came an army of theatrical construction workers, Athenians contracted for the job by a local impresario, Theodor Kritas. At eight the following morning, when the company arrived, the workmen were still at it, welding, bolting, hammering away in the sunlight, with only a couple flaked out on the ground like the very first victims of Caius Martius's sword.

> **The auditorium is a hole punched in rock by a giant's fist**

Even the most experienced of the NT players was reduced to an awed silence on entering the auditorium. The place has the effect, not of arousing comment, but of producing an intake of astonished breath. You could almost hear the company's collective gasp. It is a huge amphitheatre, a hole punched by a giant's fist into the rock beneath the Acropolis; 6,000 seats rearing up in row upon row with the steepness of a ladder towards the fantastic backdrop of the Parthenon and its brilliant Attic sky.

The look on the face of the leading actor Ian McKellen had the clear tinge of despair. He had not had a good night. Ten hours earlier the cast had tumbled wearily – some blearily – into a hotel best described as economical, an Athenian Fawlty Towers where door knobs come away in your hand, lifts bang and growl in their shafts like monsters in the night, and the city's motorists treat you to a horn serenade at four in the morning.

There had been an air traffic controllers' strike in France delaying the flight for two hours, and now in Athens a three-day stoppage by the taxi drivers. The gods were clearly taking some sort of revenge on the National.

During the production McKellen had to bound triumphantly around the ramparts of the auditorium, but on that Thursday morning, with the pallor of a sleepless night on him, you might as well have asked him to sprint up a downward escalator.



Triumphant: Ian McKellen, undaunted by the problems

Then there was the small problem of audibility. The place has a very fickle accoustic, and from up in the gods it was not always easy to catch Shakespeare's drift.

None of which seemed to worry Sir Peter unduly. He looked as relaxed as ever, directing rehearsals from his vantage point in Row 15. But then he did have the advantage of a microphone, as well as a sound night's sleep behind him in the rather ritzier Hotel Grande Bretagne.

McKellen wanted throat mikes for the actors; Hall said no. McKellen said being heard was the vital thing; Hall replied that pace was important too. It almost had the makings of a good old South Bank row.

And all the while, behind the scenes, the production manager Cass Jones and his staff worked on into the morning, looking quite as despairing in their own ways as the lead.

The logistics of a visit like this are terrifying. The production's luggage list was seven closely typed pages, detailing some 250 arcane but essential items: one Lexicon Digital Reverb, seven Sonifex cart machines, one moustache (Freddie Treves), six Fix-blut, two containers dirt, one wig-drying cabinet, and so on down to the 30 bags of sand brought over to fill the hub of the stage (nothing but the best, you understand).

This says nothing of all the hidden dangers that haunt sound engineer Robert Barnard – particularly the terror of finding his tapes magnetized during the flight and wiped of their sound.

Then there is the long-suffering armourer John Wilkinson, forever having trouble at the customs with his stage pistols. And the police themselves, actually escorting the gun-toting actors from the dressing room door to the wings in case they should be mistaken for terrorists and fired at. This is a city as sensitive to violence as at almost any time since the Trojan War.

The whole thing cost more than £50,000: £35,000 of that coming from the British Council, composed partly of proceeds from English language tuition for Greek students.

At last a break for lunch on the stroke of noon, just as the actors' shadows were disappearing beneath their feet, and off to the British Embassy. Our man in Athens, Jeremy Thomas, is a splendid example of his species, a sort of collaboration between Graham Greene and P. G. Wodehouse.

Richard Luce, our new arts minister, had a rough time on the NT tour, and he wasn't even there to defend himself. "Fancy him saying that subsidy makes the arts lazy", said Hall at one point with the utmost disdain. "I mean, the man must be a complete nurd."

> **Gun-toting actors might be mistaken for terrorists**

By the following morning, Friday, things – and people – were in better shape at the Herod Atticus. For a start two booster mikes had been installed at the front of the stage and the consonants were starting to hit the back rows of the house. Second, McKellen had made his exit from Fawlty Towers and moved down the road to the Grande Bretagne. With a few misgivings probably, for he is a democratic sort of chap, and not much given to acting like Coriolanus in real life.

With just a few hours to go the set had a solid look to it at last. Paraded on it were 120 newcomers, local actors and volunteers dragooned from the English community for the crowd scenes.

When full, the tiers of stone suddenly turned into a wall of faces, and a peculiar quiet fell. Peculiar, because the police had closed the road outside to traffic and you could hear the lines as though you were back in the Olivier. Which, in a way, you were. So that had been the problem all along.

And the performance? A triumph, of course. What else did you expect?

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An attack of conscience in the abattoir

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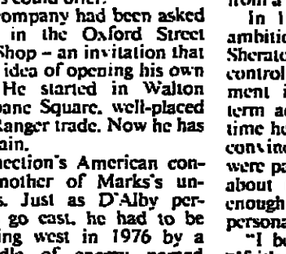
The British take pride in their humane treatment of animals – including their humane destruction. But this has not always been so. The recent call by the government-appointed Farm Animal Welfare Council for an end to ritual slaughter within three years is the latest step in the struggle that has been waged since at least the early decades of this century.

Before humane slaughter became compulsory in the inter-war period, pigs, sheep and calves were killed by having their carotid arteries cut while they were fully conscious. Cattle were luckier as they were stunned first by a blow from a pole-axe – an instrument like an axe but with a spike on the opposite side to the blade. The butcher aimed the spike between the animal's eyes. If he were an expert he could stun the animal with one blow; if not he might take several.

Before and after the First World War many cottages, smallholders and farmers kept a few pigs for their own consumption. The killing of pigs was something of a country ritual, nearly always taking place when there was an "r" in the month.

Many of these pigs were killed by a travelling pig killer. The animal was hauled on to a low bench called a hog board – some of which can still be seen in the countryside, often serving a more ornamental purpose – its throat was cut, frequently before anyone who happened to be about, and it took (I quote from a butcher) about three minutes to die.

Pigs, whether killed like this in the open or in the orthodox butchers' slaughter houses, died noisily, unlike cattle and sheep. A number of people in those days were indifferent to the "sticking" of pigs, to use the butchery slang term, and apart from a slight shudder they passed on their way regarding it as a necessary evil. But others were greatly disturbed by the cries of dying pigs. Public



opinion become more and more troubled by this cruel form of slaughter, gradually causing it to be abolished altogether. Alas, a good few years elapsed before that came about.

Greeners, the gunsmiths, perfected their first captive bolt pistol – or humane killer – in 1904, although one had been invented before that in Germany (the Germans predated Britain in humane slaughter legislation). These pistols fire a small metal rod into the animal's head, rendering it unconscious before the carotid arteries are severed.

But it was a long time before the humane killer was compulsory or universal. The meat trade and most butchers resented the change, claiming that the meat was never as good or as healthy when the animal had been stunned, and particularly so in the case of bacon. As there was no government legislation, it was left to county councils to bring in by-laws.

This piecemeal effort made painfully slow progress. The struggle continued right through the 1920s and into the mid-1930s. An accountant told me recently that while doing his articles in 1928 he was sent to do the accounts of a city municipal slaughterhouse. No pre-stunning of pigs, sheep or calves took place.

As public hostility mounted in the 1930s, more and more councils implemented a humane slaughter policy, and an ever-increasing number of butchers' shops displayed notices saying that all animals had been humanely killed. Continental countries followed Britain's lead, but slowly. But for the heroic efforts of Brigitte Bardot (who conducted a one-woman campaign to implement humane slaughter), the French would be as backward in their methods as the Greeks and Spanish still are.

Now, after a series of Humane Slaughter Acts, pre-stunning before the animal's carotid arteries are severed is compulsory in the UK. There are two exceptions, Jews and Muslims can slaughter animals according to religious rituals which, they claim, prohibit pre-stunning. Jews and Muslims regard as unclean, and therefore do not eat, pigs.

Sheep, however, die quietly and cattle comparatively so. These are the animals subjected to ritual slaughter and until an incident such as the ritual killing of a sheep by an Iranian diplomat in a street in Roehampton, London, last year, which outraged many people, the public have little knowledge of what is happening.

With the growth in Britain's Muslim population, the amount of ritual slaughter has increased accordingly. Muslims, and particularly Jews, have steadfastly resisted the abolition of their method of slaughter: some rabbis even argue that their method is less cruel than our own. They are supported by the Council of Christians, Jews and others who argue that we must not offend religious susceptibilities.

These arguments just will not do. Modern slaughtering equipment stuns the animal electrically or renders it unconscious by gas. Neither method offends religious laws for the animal is not dead but unconscious.

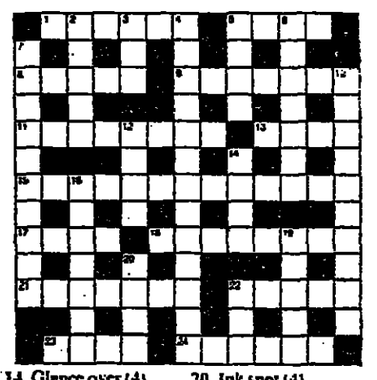
"When in Rome do as the Romans do." The exceptions providing for ritual slaughter make a mockery of our humane slaughter legislation. We show more consideration for animals in this country than anywhere else in the world. This should be respected by other races who make their homes among us.

The recommendations of the Farm Animal Welfare Council should be implemented within the time suggested. No cowardly arguments for the continuation of the practice should be allowed to prevail.

Patrick H. Tyner

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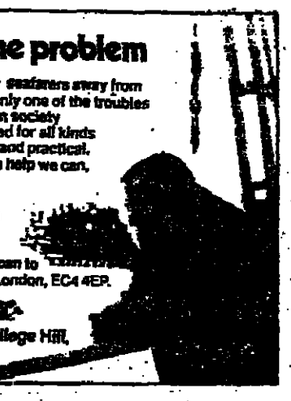
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Top left: swirl patterned sweater in blue and black, £16.99 by Jeffrey Rogers from Bentalls of Kingston and branches of Owen and Owen. Black wool skirt, £38.50 by Ricardo Bini at Libertys, Regent Street, W1. Grey ribbed tights, £4.99 by Dim from Harvey Nichols. Black Palladium plimsolls. Black earrings, £28.75 from Design Gap, Unit 38, Hyper-Hyper, W8

Above: bold floral print sweater in bright orange and bottle green, £46.90. Pure wool ribbed leggings, £28.90 in orange, yellow, purple, fuchsia and pale pink, both from Benetton. Rubber hi-tech earrings, £7 from Design Gap, Unit 38, Hyper-Hyper. Pixie boots in orange, red, purple, £32.50 from Whistle, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1

Far left: chenille roll-neck sweater with contrasting red, blue and beige sleeves, £168; matching red skirt, £73.50 both by Sportmax at Soheir, 24 Gloucester Road, SW7; Matches, Wimbledon; Valentine, Stanmore; Madeleine Anne, Solihull and Stourbridge. Beige ribbed tights, £4.99 by Dim at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Earrings, £28.75 from Unit 38, Hyper-Hyper

Left: tapestry pattern sweater in purple, ochre, black, £88. Matching skirt with roll-down ribbed waist, £54, both by Ricardo Bini at Libertys, Regent Street, W1. Purple tights by Pretty Polly, £1.10 from major department stores. Blue shoes with tapestry insets, £49.99 from Russell and Bromley, 24 New Bond Street and branches. Coil necklace, £21.75, bracelet, £12, both from Hyper-Hyper, W8

OPENINGS

● **A motley selection of people gathered for the opening party of Zone, created from the old basement at Harvey Nichols as a labyrinth of fashion ideas.**

The launch was held in conjunction with *The Face* magazine, and weird and wonderful creations swanned about the polished slate floor.

An early evening fashion show was held for the grown-ups who would probably feel more at home in the sophisticated atmosphere of the cosmetic counters and designer names a floor or two above. But those with the stamina witnessed a midnight parade of the brightest young autumn and winter fashions. Models swayed and skipped, laden with jewel coloured panne velvet, carpet fabric, tapestry coats and silky pyjama suits.

Among familiar favourites such as In-Wear and French Connection are less familiar names, such as Studio F with some stylish separates; chunky Arran sweaters and padded coats in green and purple.

● **Mariuccia Mandelli grinned beneath her fringe as she surveyed her new London empire. The designer who brings out the beast in sweaters has even produced a cuddly leopard on a snow white jumper for a three-year-old in her Krizia Baby range. Grown-up animal lovers at last week's opening party included a clutch of glamorous Italians, tossing manes of marmalade hair. The glossy Brook Street shop had the same effect in orange fur.**

Rebecca Tyrrel

Stitching up a rich tapestry

A flutter of russet leaves, stylized flowers, paisley prints and rococo swirls all decorate the new high street knits.

The rich tapestry of pattern and texture created by hand-knitting has reached the mass market. Bold, big knits, teamed with tubular and ribbed bottom halves are a strong and cheery fashion story this autumn.

The same style climbs like a vine right the way through to high fashion with international designers and hand-knit companies producing their own magic carpets of stitches.

Those who prefer to take up the needles themselves are being treated to a harvest festival of patterns this autumn. Pride of place must go to Kaffe Fassett's designs, the ripe fruit of 20 years of working in stitch and colour. Fassett is a painter and weaver, and in *Glorious Knitting*, his new book, he has presented his rainbows of knitting as still lives: designs tribal or floral, steps and blocks of colour, all photographed against the objects that inspired them.

The result is a knitting book to drool over, as photographer Steve Lovi traps an abstract patterned sweater in shades of brown in a forest of autumn leaves or lays out a children's feast of sugared almonds and pastel country china that echoes the designs of two little girl's sweaters. My favourites are dancers in broken stripe sweaters frozen in movement against striped Berber blankets, and a patchwork of diamond patterns beside the striped petals of an amaryllis plant.

Kaffe Fassett has always believed in free-range knits, where designs are drawn from nature or the imagination and expressed in yarn, rather than followed from a pattern. But he has managed to trap the instructions too among the butterfly images in his book.

Against this competition, other patterns look earthbound. But Katherine Hadley and Jane Procter had a bright idea with their *Celebrity Knitting*. This is a chance to knit your way to showbiz glamour by making cute Bonnie Langford's bunch of grapes sweater or trying your hand at Tim Pigott-Smith's alarmingly versatile linen sweater, with sleeves that unpopper in three places.

English style is the theme of *Good Housekeeping Knitting in Style*. Modern fashion styling (so rare among the regular yarn leaflets) and an emphasis on stitchcraft, offer some interesting ideas: the sideways cables that give the requisite square 1980s shape, a long-line double breasted Fair Isle cardigan and a sharp version of traditional Nordic knitting.

The Design Centre's selection of *Smart Winter Knits* emphasizes the craft element in knitting but also shows fashion-conscious and commercial designs: Jean Muir's perfectly proportioned cashmeres and a cheery crew-neck sweater from Next are part of an overview of modern knitting by machine and hand. Most stunning are Artwork's intarsia printed carpet coat and Susan Duckworth's full-blown tea roses splashed on a dark ground.

Tapestry fabrics and jacquard weaves are an integral part of winter's fashion, where patterns stand out in relief to give an extra dimension to cloth. Sara Bowman has been collecting fabrics from the prolific Art Deco period, ever since she unearthed the sumptuous beaded samples and design books of the defunct Parisian Maison Lallement.

A rose garden of beads worked for Paul Poiret in the 1920s, Raoul Dufy's graphic woodblock pattern of roses and flowers rampant on a clutch of exquisite evening bags all appear in Sara Bowman's *A Fashion for Extravagance*. This is a rich collection of the fabrics and prints of designers from the great Fortuny himself, including Sonia Delauney's geometric blocks.

It is further enriched by an exhibition at the gallery of Antique Costumes and Textiles where many of the materials in the book glow and come to life on the walls. Author Sara Bowman is right to see the exotic bags and accessories as a fine flowering of art and craft.

Glorious Knitting by Kaffe Fassett (Century Hutchinson £14.95)
Celebrity Knitting by Katherine Hadley and Jane Procter (W H Smith £4.95)
Good Housekeeping Knitting in Style (Pan Books £5.95)
Smart Winter Knits, The Design Centre, 28 Haymarket, SW1, until October 26, then Glasgow from November 23
A Fashion for Extravagance by Sara Bowman (Bell & Hyman £12.95)
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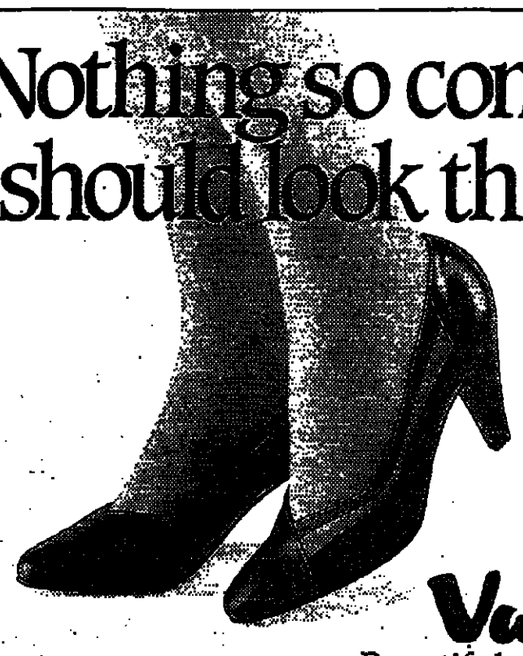


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Unesco fiasco

A government source has leaked to me the controversial findings, expected to be announced today, of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee's investigation into Britain's relationship with Unesco. Mrs Thatcher will not be amused. The Tory-dominated committee, led by Sir Anthony Kershaw, unamimously concludes that Britain should remain a member of the UN cultural organization, even though America has already left, and work for reforms from within. This flies in the face of Mrs Thatcher's stand that Britain should withdraw unless it reduces its spending and abandons its anti-western policies. However, the committee's report is highly critical of the government, and points out that it is wholly undiplomatic to demand something and cap it with a threat.

Pact off?

My money for the Labour Party's new communications and media supremo – expected to be announced later today – is on Ken Livingstone's aide, Nita Clarke. David Gow of *The Scotsman*, a strong contender, dropped out at the last minute. Still hotly tipped is London Weekend Television producer Peter Mandelson, but his domestic set-up may not be entirely to the liking of Labour's NEC members. He shares his home in Clapham with David Owen's press secretary, Sue Robertson.

Church militant

Even in church Labour tries to present a balanced ticket. For its eve of conference service in Bournemouth this weekend it has picked Neil Kinnock and his hard left critic, Eric Heffer, to read the lessons. Heffer is apparently pleading with Lord Soper, the organizer, to let him take as his theme the Sermon on the Mount, which he regards as "more revolutionary than the Communist Manifesto".

Numbers game

Winning today's bottle of champagne in our quest for tales about the pre-famous is Valerie Grosvenor Myer of Ely, Cambridgeshire. "I have known maths prodigy Ruth Lawrence all her life. At seven, just like all little girls, she played with her dolls. I remember seeing her line them all up on the side of her bed; she then proceeded to give them a lesson in trigonometry."

Inglorious

No happy ending to Gloria Vanderbilt's visit to London to promote her much-slated autobiographical "fairy story". On Friday she cancelled a US embassy lunch in her honour, called off her TV and press interviews and is refusing to see the *Manchester Evening News* at Claridge's today. Chatto, her publishers, say wearily: "She's obviously used to getting her own way."

BARRY FANTONI



"... and the bombe surprise a la Fabius"

Imagine...

Michael Heseltine is either extremely vain or he has a well concealed sense of humour. According to Peter Fluck and Roger Law, the brains behind the *Spitting Image* TV series, Heseltine has tried the hardest of all victims to buy his puppet caricature. After receiving repeated calls from the staff at the MoD, Law one day snapped: "Tell him if he sends cruise back he can have it for nothing." The line has since gone dead. Sir Kenneth Newman, commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is much amused by his puppet – "but could you tell them I never wear my helmet when lecturing." Too horrified to watch, on the other hand, is Leon Brittan. "But he always knows when he's on," says a friend. "He can hear his children rolling around the sitting room carpet in uncontrolled giggles."

Example

PC David Kitcher, stationed at Dulwich in south London, was delighted with the neighbourhood watch scheme on his beat. Over the months he had marked all the residents' bicycles and each house sports a neighbourhood watch sticker. Thanks to him the crime figures for Dulwich village have dropped. All bunkydory, in fact, until the other day. PC Kitcher had just finished offering his usual tips on crime prevention to one of the neighbourhood watch officials when he found his bicycle, a 10-speed Puch, had been stolen. Had he padlocked it? "Not as such." Surely he had marked it? "Er, not as such..."

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Closing ranks round the warriors

Heads may have rolled but Diana Geddes finds wide-ranging support for the French security services over the Greenpeace affair

Paris

The fact that press investigations have unearthed a political scandal involving secret agents, "dirty tricks" and attempted cover-ups has led some to liken the Greenpeace affair to Watergate. But France is not America: it has a different conception of the individual citizen's right to know, a different attitude to the overriding national interest. The whole truth about the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior is therefore unlikely ever to emerge.

Admiral Pierre Lacoste was sacked last Friday as head of the foreign intelligence service after refusing to answer specific questions put to him by Charles Hernu, then defence minister and as such the man to whom Lacoste was directly responsible. In Britain there would be a public outcry over such gross disobedience by a civil servant toward his democratically elected boss. In France, hardly a murmur.

In a letter explaining the reasons for his refusal – the contents have been duly leaked to the press – Lacoste said he wanted to protect military personnel who had carried out, or were still carrying out, dangerous missions.

Many French people feel that Lacoste was right to take that decision. Jacques Toubon, secretary-general of the Gaullist RPR party, said: "In certain circumstances the protection of those who fight, even in danger of their lives, to defend our country may lead those who are their chiefs to protect them and to refuse to give them up."

Jean Rochet, former head of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), the French counter-espionage agency, congratulated Lacoste on his stand: "He refused ot give the names of these soldiers because he did not want the government, in an attempt to get out of a difficult situation, to treat them as scapegoats. I would have acted as he did. He is a real chief."

Someone within the defence ministry evidently holds the same view, for vital elements in the secret service Greenpeace dossier are now reported to have been deliberately destroyed.

One of the few dissident notes was struck by Claude Estier, Socialist president of the National Assembly's foreign affairs committee. To allow a civil servant to take it upon himself to decide what was in the national interest, rather than to defer to the elected representatives of the people, would open the way to a state within a state, he said.

But even the Socialists accept that the military must be protected to a certain degree. Laurent Fabius, the prime minister, cited Lacoste's refusal to answer Hernu as the main reason for his dismissal. In his statement on Sunday night he nevertheless insisted that those agents who had carried out the attack on the Rainbow Warrior should not be prosecuted, "because it would be unacceptable to expose military personnel who have simply obeyed orders." There was no mention of his earlier promise that anyone found guilty of criminal acts in the affair would be brought before the courts.

Even Paul Quilès, the new defence minister, who was responsible for officially revealing the direct repousibility of French secret agents in the attack on the Greenpeace boat, is now defending the armed forces, denouncing the "multiple and insidious campaigns" being conducted against them. "I will not allow any attack of any kind against the honour of our armed forces," he said yesterday in the traditional message on taking office.

The "national interest" and pride in the honour and image of their country hold much greater sway over the French than over the British. The French seem willing to accept dubious or even outright illegal acts carried out in the name of their country in a way that many British would not. The earlier comments by former president Giscard d'Estaing on possible French involvement in the Greenpeace affair was revealing: "It is my country, right or wrong," he insisted. Many agreed with him, although that did not stop them vigorously attacking individual politicians.

The French attitude toward morality in political life is also different. To hide the truth or to tell outright lies in the supposedly higher interests of the state is not something that always shocks. There is not the same demand for the individual citizen's "right to know". The French seem to accept that their leaders often know best.

Fabius has announced the establishment of an all-party parliamentary committee of inquiry. It might be expected that this committee, like the Senate Watergate committee, will seek to ensure that the whole truth is revealed. But French committees of inquiry do not have the same powers as American investigative committees, particulary where security matters are concerned.

The law states that all information likely to facilitate the inquiries of such parliamentary committees must be provided, but then promptly excludes any information "of a secret nature concerning national defence, foreign affairs, or the internal or external security of the state" – precisely the area into which the Greenpeace affair falls.

Furthermore, the committee may not begin its inquiries while judicial proceedings are pending or in process. The trial of the so-called Turenge couple, the two French secret agents being held in New Zealand on charges of murder and arson, is not due to begin until November 4. Other trials may conceivably follow in France.

So the committee is unlikely to be able to begin its work for some time, and even when it does, its powers will be severely limited. But then it is in the French tradition that their major political scandals are left unsolved – Ben Barka, the Broglie affair, the Bokassa diamonds, etc. Is Greenpeace destined to be added to that list, "in the national interest"?


Lacoste: refused to answer questions


Fabius: back-tracking on prosecution pledge


Quilès: 'no attacks on armed forces'

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Berlin: we are all leafy suburbanites now

There stands in West Berlin (or did when I was last there, though some enthusiastic *Ostpolitiker* may have had it pulled down as too provocative) a memorial to those who died in the Berlin Airlift. I have an uneasy feeling that a substantial proportion of my younger readers may not know what that was, so I had better explain.

In 1949, Stalin wanted to incorporate West Berlin into his empire, but would not risk direct military aggression. He therefore ordered that all rail and road links between the Western zones of the city and West Germany should be cut, assuming that the free island would rapidly be starved and frozen into submission. He had, however, underestimated the West's determination to resist Soviet expansion. (By now, it has become practically impossible for a Soviet leader to underestimate the West's determination, but that is another and sadder story.) A gigantic effort was mounted to keep West Berlin supplied by air with everything it needed in the way of food, fuel and other essential supplies: some idea of the magnitude of the operation may be gathered from the fact that if a plane overshot the Berlin runway it could not go round and come in again, but had to return to base and start again next day, so tight was the schedule of landings. (I believe it was one plane every seven minutes, day and night.)

Older readers should resume here. The memorial is an elegant, towering column, consisting of three "ribs": these symbolize the three airports that kept West Berlin alive and free for the period (a year, beginning in May 1948) of the blockade. The airports were Tempelhof, Tegel and Gatow, and the memorial commemorates the 76 people - 40 British, 31 American and five German - who were killed in the inevitable (but happily few) crashes or in related accidents.

Have faith: there is a point to all this reminiscence, and I shall come to it by and by, but first a little more information. The population of West Berlin at the time of the blockade was more than 2,000,000, which fact alone demonstrates the size of the task before the rescuers. The man responsible for creating the idea of the airlift and persuading the Western allies that it was possible as well as necessary was General Lucius Clay, the American military governor of the city; the technical side of the operation was devised and constructed (in a matter of days) by a team led by General W. H. Tunner. The Soviet authorities offered a rationbook to anyone in West Berlin (remember that this was more than a decade before the Wall went up) who would ask for one; of the two million West Berliners only 60,000, from first to last, took the Soviet bribe.

Ten years after the blockade and the airlift ended, there was a ceremony of commemoration in the city; General Clay made a speech, saying "No principle is more important to the free world than that Berlin should remain free". In saying that, he echoed the words he had used more than 10 years earlier, when the blockade began: "When Berlin falls, West Germany will be next. If we mean to hold Europe against Communism we must not budge ... I believe that the future of democracy requires us to stay."

Hang on to those words; they will become relevant when I get to the point. So, even more, will the words used at the anniversary ceremony by Willy Brandt, then Burgomaster of West Berlin, addressing the western allies – America, Britain and France – who saved the city. "We stand in your debt", he said; "you must know that we have not forgotten it and will never forget".

The bells of history sounded for me recently, when I read Henry Stanhope's despatch from Berlin; the name of Gatow sprang from the page to set them ringing. Gatow, the smallest of the three airfields used in the salvation of West Berlin, is now an RAF firing-range; there is further irony in the fact that, as the report pointed out, it lies near the Berlin Wall. And it is in the news at the moment because - well, let Henry take up the story:

Angry West Berliners who claim that their peace and prosperity are being shattered ... are preparing to take their case to the European Court of Human Rights ... About 800 people who live near the airfield in a leafy West Berlin suburb are objecting to the noise and other environmental pollution from the range ... while politicians in West Germany have already begun to echo their plea ... Herr Reiner Geulen, a Berlin lawyer ... says that ... the ... dispute ... has ... badly affected the value of the £120,000 houses in an upper-middle class estate.

And now I think I have come to the point at last. There are several morals to this story (one of them is "Never underestimate the greed, selfishness and treachery that the rich are capable of"), but the most important is also the most obvious. We have come a long way in the quarter of a century that has elapsed since General Clay said that "No principle is more important to the free world than that Berlin should remain free", and Willy Brandt assured the West that Berlin would never forget. Clay died in 1978, but I do not suppose he abandoned his view of Berlin, even on his deathbed. Herr Brandt is still alive; how stands he, in relation to his words on the same occasion?

I imagine he, too, holds to his former view. If so, would he mind nipping over to the "leafy West Berlin suburb" of Gatow and suggesting to the inhabitants that there are worse things than finding that the value of your house is depreciating because the RAF needs to practise saving you?

It is not very pleasant to live next to a firing-range, as, oddly enough, I am in a position to know. When I was a child, during the Second World War, I lived for a time in a house on the edge of Primrose Hill. On that grassy knoll there was an anti-aircraft battery, and on Blitz nights it fired every few seconds, with a bang that each time not only knocked a good deal off the value of the premises but very nearly brought the premises to the ground. It was a long time ago, and my memories are hazy, but I do have a distinct recollection that neither I nor anybody else in the family felt that the guns should be silenced, let alone that we should go to court for an injunction to silence them. On the contrary, I am sure that we were whole-heartedly on the side of the gunners, and no less fervently opposed to those whom the gunners were trying – heedless of what they might be doing to property values or the environment – to shoot down.

What is the German for *nous avons changé tout cela?* I think it is *Schweinerei*, at any rate in this matter. Do the inhabitants of Gatow's leafy suburb ever pass by the Airlift Memorial? If they do, do they have no idea of what the third of its ribs refers to? Come to that, do they ever notice the Berlin Wall itself? Would they prefer to live on the other side of it, and if not why not? And do they suppose that if they *did* live in the same state of helotry as their fellow-Germans from the dark side of the moon they would be able to take their government to court to protect the value of their houses? Or that they could induce a judge to order their government to give up its military activities?

We can ask some even dafter questions. Do the Gatovians think that, moving among the people on the other side of the Wall, Henry Stanhope would be able to report that "politicians ... have already begun to echo their plea for human rights"? Or that "a Berlin lawyer who is representing the protesters ... dismisses any suggestion that the residens are trying to bring a test case against the legality of the ... government ..."?

One solution to this problem would be for the commanding officer at RAF Gatow to make a frightful mistake one morning and absent-mindedly order a massive prang ("Oh, I say, I'm most *terribly* sorry") on the £120,000 houses of Gatow instead of the firing-range. Perhaps that is too extreme a method of making the point. If so, let him order a fatigue-squad to paint, on the western side of the Berln Wall, Goethe's words: "Possessions lost, something lost; Honours lost, much lost; Conrage lost, everything lost". Better still, let him have the words painted on the base of the Airlift Memorial.

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Islanders up in arms against Whitehall

The Channel Islands could be heading for a confrontation with Whitehall over a request that they start contributing towards the cost of their defence. After a 12-month study, parliamentary committees in Guernsey and Jersey are due to report to their respective legislatures within the next few weeks. But a packed public meeting in Guernsey has already voted by seven-to-one against and in Jersey people are asking what became of the £5 million they donated during the Falklands war, supposedly to build a new jetty at Port Stanley.

Both islands can point to royal charters dating back at least to Elizabeth I which have enshrined their right to self-government in all matters but defence and foreign policy. Islanders with a keen sense of history are fond of pointing out that, as an ancient possession of the Duchy of Normandy, it was they who conquered Britain in 1066, not the other way round.

One sign of their special status is the fact that, to prevent their potatoes and tomatoes being squeezed out of the British market by continental competition, they are not full members of the EEC.

The idea that they should help pay for defence is not new. After the First World War Jersey gave £400,000 and Guernsey £220,000 towards the pensions of Channel Island ex-servicemen. One-off payments were also made in 1952.

What worries them now is the suggestion that payments should be annual, that what might start as a voluntary goodwill gesture would soon become an obligation, going up each year to allow for inflation. Instead of a grateful letter of thanks, they would receive an impatient reminder from the Treasury that their annual payment was overdue. They see this as having serious implications for their constitutional rights.

During the Napoleonic wars the 70-odd guns of Guernsey's Castle Cornet ranged over French men-o'war leaving St Malo or Cherbourg, and so helped protect Britain against a seaborne invasion. Today their strategic value is minimal.

Indeed, those opposed to any surrender to Whitehall pressure say there is little point in the islands contributing towards their own defence because they are more or less indefensible – as was tacitly acknowledged in 1940 when all military forces were withdrawn before the German advance across northern France. Moreover, they add, Britain derives some spin-off from defence spending in terms of jobs and export earnings; Guernsey and Jersy would be handing over hard-earned money that would simply be swallowed by the Treasury.

Not everyone agrees. A "loyalist" lobby says the islanders have a responsibility to protect their peace and freedom through active support for Nato; there has even been a suggestion that any contribution should be paid to Nato direct. It is also argued that a defence contribution would help maintain good relations with Britain. Although Whitehall has assured the islands that a "no" would not lead to punitive action, there is a suspicion that an aggrieved government might start levying a charge on the islanders for specific services rendered by the Foreign Office or Ministry of Defence.

Most islanders expect a compromise: no annual payments, but finance for a specific project. The most popular idea at present is to buy another fishery protection vessel for the Royal Navy and possibly to maintain it. (Two of the boats in the navy's offshore patrol fleet are already called HMS Jersey and Guernsey).

Other suggestions: financing a helicopter search and rescue squadron to be based in Guernsey or a special detachment of the Royal Naval Reserve, or funding the pensions of islanders who serve in the British forces.

Whether that is the kind of response which the Home Office is seeking has yet to be seen.

Henry Stanhope

Digby Anderson

Can Labour slim its wasteline?

Is Labour's noisy, self-proclaimed commitment to the needy, the young and the sick genuine? The party conference next week at Bournemouth will be one test.

When Jasmine Beckford died while under the supervision of social workers, a senior member of the social services pointed out that, whatever was done to improve the training and efficiency of social workers, such cases would recur. There was a limit to what social workers could do. The risk of child abuse could never be reduced to zero.

Sensible words, obviously, but with an implication the speaker might be reluctant to accept: that there is a point at which further public spending on this type of social work is not worthwhile.

Recently the National Association of Head Teachers "enthusiastically endorsed the concept of a four-term year" and a working party of the Association of County Councils recommended a similar arrangement; in its case, four 10-week terms giving 10 days more holiday than at present.

Elsewhere it was stated that 10 days less school a year would not hurt children's education. Evidence from European countries which have shorter school years suggested that, beyond a certain number, extra days in school have little or no effect. It was not put quite like this; more that the level of educational achievement in such countries was as good as, or better than, that of England and Wales.

There are, at first sight, dangerous implications for teachers here, not least that the taxpayer appears currently to be paying them for 10 days work that does no educational good. Perhaps Sir Keith, anxious to make savings, should look into it.

And how does the sympathy the proposals aroused among some teachers fit the regular protestations from teacher unions that the school year is full to the brim, the curriculum already overloaded and that on no account can teachers be expected to undertake more work, for example on the new 16-plus General Certificate of Secondary Education, without more resources.

Now it appears there are resources to spare. To be specific 10 (days) times 6 (teacher hours per day) times 450,000 (teachers), a total of 27 million wasted teacher hours. The cost to the taxpayer of these useless hours is, perhaps £125 million each year.

The matter is of course much more complex than this, as the teacher unions are bound to tell me: I did say that the implications are those that appear "at first sight". But the general fact remains that there is a point, whether 10 days less or 10 days more than present provision, beyond which further schooling – and that means, or would mean in any sane world, further public expenditure – is, to put it lightly, subject to diminishing returns. If that point exists for the school year, it also exists for the period of compulsory schooling, the length of teacher training and the school day.

Things may be worse. The Consumers' Association recently argued that we should extend the length of time between visits to the dentist. Longer intervals than the recommended six months do not appear to result in serious damage. Indeed one commentator has argued that frequent visits may do harm by filling and refilling teeth, many of which might have healed spontaneously. Such refilling progressively enlarges the cavity and weakens the tooth.

Once again, there appear "at first sight" dangerous implications, in this case for dentists. The reports were all careful to talk in the future conditional about the number of visits that would be sensible in the future if... But change the tense and mood and we have the implication that the NHS has been spending money on unnecessary, even harmful, visits to the dentist.

The British Dental Association has attacked such ideas and argued that visits should be every three months. It may be right. What appears sensible at first sight often is not sensible. It may be that the dentists, teachers and social workers all need more public spending. But what is clear is that there is no reason to assume that current levels of spending, of lengths of school years and days, of social worker numbers, of intervals of visits to the dentist, are optimal.

And if expenditure on and provision of state health, education and welfare are subject to diminishing returns, if there is a point after which more does not mean better and may mean worse, then all political parties have an obligation to consider and reconsider levels of provision, increasing some and reducing others. The obligation to reduce some (and reallocate other services) falls even more heavily on parties enthusiastically committed to extensive state services.

The Labour Party's claim to be committed to the welfare state has been accepted far too uncritically. The question is whether the commitment is to the unionized providers of state welfare, regardless of their efficiency, or to their customers. If Labour is genuinely committed to the latter, it will not "defend all essential services" at the current level or assume that all services need more "resources", but will eagerly and repeatedly assess the marginal efficiency of levels of service provision and ruthlessly, far more ruthlessly than the Conservatives, cut those that spend and provide wastefully, even counter-productively.

Every pound spent on an unnecessary dental filling, day at school or social work visit is one that could go to a homeless child, or whatever cause Labour finds most worthy.

If there are no resolutions at Bournemouth significantly to reduce spending and provision of some state services then the motives for other resolutions to increase spending become suspect. If Labour does not endorse a programme identifying necessary cuts, its claim to support state welfare will be fraudulent; its name should be changed to the "conservative" party.

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moreover ... Miles Kington

Noises with a decibel point

Mrs Thatcher used a curious image on location in Egypt the other day when she said we had broken the heart of the Soviet Intelligence operation in London. Heartbreak? Will the streets of London now be filled with the sobbing of Russian spies, moaning over the defection of Comrade Oleg, clutching half-finished bottles of vodka and singing drunken Russian laments for the demise of a once great news-gathering service? Did she perhaps mean that we had broken the back of it, a comparatively silent operation? I hope so, as London is noisy enough without the addition of choirs of heartbroken Soviet agents.

No sooner had Mrs Thatcher finished speaking than two more disquieting bits of news were announced. One was that Westminster is to impose drastic restrictions on the noise level of buskers, and the other that Raleigh has produced a new bicycle aimed at children (or targeted at kids, as they now say) which not only has a computerized speedometer and mileometer, but incorporates a radio tuned to the nearest pop station and an electronic horn which sounds like a demented Space Invaders machine. In other words, they are cutting down on the friendly individual sound of the busker and increasing the impersonal noise level of the machine.

You can see already which way my argument is going. Noise is getting noisier, and everything is going downhill. Wrong. After a period of meditation on this subject, I have perceived that noise is relative and that our reaction to it depends more on our subjective feelings than the nature of the noise itself. Only the noise of our grumbling remains constant.

Example one. Recently I was in a pub where they were playing canned cocktail music, the endless tinkle of a mindless piano. I asked the barman if it were possible to turn the volume down. He said it was, but I would have to ask the pianist in person, and he pointed to a little figure at the far end of the pub caressing the keys of an upright piano. My attitude changed immediately to one of approval.

Example two. On holiday in Greece I noticed that whenever spear-fishermen brought an octopus ashore, they beat it on the rocks to finish it off – for five minutes at least they bashed it to death, with a vindictive, brutal sound which I found agonizing. Then one day a kindly Greek revealed that the octopus was already dead; the bashing process was only to keep the meat soft and without it the octopus would turn inedibly tough during cooking. Straightaway the brutal sound became a soft slapping, merely part of the culinary traditions of Greece.

Example three. The loudest and most unpleasant sounds to be heard in London are the wailing of police cars, shrieking of ambulances and the massed avant garde noise of fire engines. I really find them so physically painful that I have taken to sticking fingers in my ears whenever they pass. But because we always assume that they are on a mercy dash somewhere, none of us ever objects.

The truth is that sounds are seldom unpleasant in their own right, only by association. And the most powerful source for making them pleasant is nostalgia. There are many sounds which were once thought to be unbearably modern and are now pleasingly evocative. The drone of a light propellor-driven aircraft, the thrashing of a steam engine, the hum of an airship, the ping-pong noises of a pin-ball machine, the hiss of a 78 rpm record, throbbing ship engines, suburban lawn-mowers, street pianos, whistling kettles, church bells – all once thought to pollute the atmosphere and now thought to be cheerful or picturesque. Yes, even church bells – my father used to stand at the bottom of our garden on Sunday morning shaking his fist at the church and crying: "Those bloody bells!" With a hunched back, he would have made a great Quasimodo.

The other great force for making noise attractive is exoticism. Foreign street noises are automatically more interesting than our own. There was a play on Radio 4 recently by Douglas Kennedy called *Floating down the Nile on the Oxford English Dictionary* in which the background noises of Cairo played as large a part as any of the characters. I was not entirely surprised to hear, during the credits, that it had been recorded on location. But a *radio* play, recorded on location? I rang the producer to check if the actors had been flown out as well.

"Just a joke," said producer Peter Cavanagh. "It was all recorded here in Belfast."

I should have known better. If it had really been recorded in Cairo, they would have had to include a speech by Mrs Thatcher (see first paragraph and start piece again.)

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TWO ACTS, TWO TESTS

Act Two of a play stage-managed by the American Administration took place yesterday in the White House, when President Reagan outlined his new trade policy. The audience he sought to impress was Congress, hell-bent on rolling up the map of free trade and protecting American industry against foreign competition.

Act One had taken place in New York, only the day before. There the finance ministers of President Reagan's closest trading partners – Japan, West Germany, France and Britain – had joined the American Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, for a specially convened meeting at which they put their signatures to a statement of intention to lower the dollar. This had immediate effect on the world's currency markets. It therefore enabled the President to talk to his industrialists from a marginally less overvalued exchange-rate position. This in turn may just marginally have diminished these industrialists' determination to bully their Congressmen into overruling every single one of the President's vetoes of protectionist legislation.

That, at least, is the hope: the thin thread of sense binding Sunday's "Group of Five" meeting to the President's lecture on trade yesterday. The first act was a decent attempt by the President's international allies to strengthen his stand against protectionism, which they genuinely believe him to be fighting as hard as he can. It made sense for Messrs Lawson and company to agree to take part in this particular charade; provided they do not confuse it with reality.

This reality is certainly that America's vast deficit on manufactured trade, which emerged in 1982 and has risen to over one hundred billion dollars, is exacerbated by the over-valued exchange rate of the dollar. So far in the Group of Five's search for a consensus, expediency and truth marched together. It is equally true that the dollar has not been brought low by America's widening trade gap, in the comfortable, self-correcting fashion that floating exchange rates were once supposed to provide. Exchange rates, in the plaintive words of the Group of Five statement, "should better reflect fundamental economic conditions than has been the case."

There is, however, one fundamental which America's exchange rate has been reflecting with great clarity: the scale of its budget deficit, America's need for foreign funds to finance it and consequent high level of interest rates. To deal with the imbalances in the American economy by intervening against the dollar in the foreign exchange markets is to treat the symptom and not the cause.

It is foolish for the American Administration to believe that it can assuage American industry until this problem is tackled. For America's trade deficit will persist. It is equally foolish for Congress to suppose this deficit can be reduced by protectionist controls on imports, without diverting the pressures caused by the budget deficit into other dangerous channels. It is equally foolish to believe that the dollar can be safely nurtured down to competitive levels by means of intervention in the foreign exchange markets, while it remains under such strong and conflicting pressures.

Even so, there can be virtue in play-acting to buy time. And there is especial virtue in the endeavour to do so by co-operative gesture. The members of the Group of Five have come a long way from early, truculent belief that exchange rates should always be left to themselves in the best of all possible worlds; they have learnt afresh the need for co-ordinated exchange rate policy, with such enthusiasm that our own Chancellor now congratulates himself on converting the Americans to this view. Co-ordinated intervention can be used to change expectations; to signal a change in the economic climate. It is not, and never will be, a foolproof game; but it is one that finance ministers everywhere now feel they must learn to play.

The remaining critical rule is that they should not end up playing against themselves. The proper process of adjustment of the dollar, and America's trade deficit, should have come through lower interest rates as America's thirst for capital diminished. This, in turn, would allow Europe's interest rates to come down. The danger of the strategy to which America's allies have now signed up is that it attempts to improve American competitiveness without automatically providing interest-rate relief in Europe. The two tests of President Reagan's play will be whether he manages to hold the trade lines where he has redrawn them yesterday, or is forced to retreat again; and whether world interest rates can still be brought down steadily and continuously.

THE SHOCKS TO COME

The response to the Mexican earthquake has been world-wide – from the rest of Latin America and North America, from the Soviet Union, from Australia and Japan. The British government has sent prompt specialist assistance from the Belize garrison, and further aid is on its way.

Mexico is a proud and stoical country and it is impossible not to be moved by the impressive discipline and solidarity shown by the inhabitants of Mexico City at this time. The earthquake destroyed the country's largest hospital, and 30 schools in the capital city alone. It has shattered the communications network, and inflicted grievous damage in the government district. It is still hard to assess damage in the provinces.

The disaster came at a critical juncture in Mexico's economic affairs. Only hours before the quake the International Monetary Fund had announced that Mexico had fallen from compliance with her agreed austerity programme. The earthquake must now force a general revision of plans and programmes. But even before it, Mexico had ceased to be a republic that, in Mrs Thatcher's optimistic words had "shown the way" out of the impasse of indebtedness.

President de la Madrid had planned to address the United Nations on the dilemmas faced by Latin American debtors this week. The theme will now be taken up in his absence by President Sarnay of Brazil and President Garcia of Peru. As short a while ago as the occasion of President Garcia's inauguration in July it was easier to note the differences than the similarities between these leaders' positions on the debt question. The differences still exist, but the positions have converged, and not in the direction of compliance with IMF orthodoxy. Doubts about Mexico's ability to sustain her agreements as the United States recovery slowed and the oil price began to slide were rife before the earthquake came to compound her problems.

To the Mexican government it also presents a new political challenge. It puts the competence of the administration and of Mexican politicians to cruel immediate tests. The trials of the aftermath are also foreseeable. Earthquakes not only bring pestilence, but also rumour, suspicion and bitter accusation. They can bring down governments as well as buildings. The impact of this tragedy will make Mexicans wish to put behind them the lacklustre disputes and frauds of the July elections, and it is not sentimental to discern in the rallying of the citizens of the capital city qualities of cohesion, seriousness and dignity that in its best past moments the ruling PRI captured and expressed. These good moments have not been many in recent years. Mexico needs help, and will demand greater understanding abroad. President de la Madrid and the Mexican system of government will now face new strains, new demands and new scrutiny. All Mexicans have the sympathy of the world at this sad time. That fact may do just a bit to ease a gigantic task.

DODGING THE HARRINGTON QUESTION

No one can accuse Professor Ralf Dahrendorf of lacking courage, either personal or intellectual. He was a first-rate academic leader at the London School of Economics and his full-time presence in Britain is sorely missed. His agreement to join the Inner London Education Authority's investigating committee into the management of the Polytechnic of North London was a boon, for it promised that the resulting report would be marked by fierce independence of mind.

And yet it must be hoped Professor Dahrendorf hesitated before signing the report's paragraph 53. It is a lazy paragraph, and cowardly; it stains other valuable parts of the report. For the central question of the attempted exclusion of National Front student, Patrick Harrington, from the polytechnic is the appropriate response of a liberal institution to collective unreason. Paragraph 53 poses the question, then lets it dangle. Worse, it rephrases the issue as a conflict between the welfare of an educational institution and the rights of "one individual" – conveniently sweeping away the responsibility of the students' union and certain of the teaching staff for plunging the polytechnic into chaos.

The committee's report reflects perhaps the occupational propensity of its chairman, Miss Sheila Browne, formerly Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, to want to keep the academic show on the road. It is full of positive recommendations for how the director who is soon to be appointed to the polytechnic must reorganize staff and improve communications. These are useful, even though they reflect previous inquiries; throughout its crises, departments at PNL have continued to do good work, and for the sake of their future students, every effort should be made to strengthen the college's management.

But that is no case for what one commentator has called collective amnesia. It is too easy for the authors of this report to load blame for the Harrington affair on a silent witness, the former director, Mr MacDowall, while never mentioning the role of the politicians of the ILEA and the North London Labour Party network. Few students have ever taken part in student union elections. Miss Browne and her colleagues note, without drawing an obvious conclusion about the ease with which a tiny ideologically-driven minority could influence the course of events. The critique of treacherous clerks at PNL by Dr Marks and Lady Cox is too trenchant and too recent to permit this report's assumptions of sweet sincerity on all sides.

But there must be hope for the polytechnic. Next year a new, directly-elected education authority takes over in central London. At least there might be a change of personnel for the better. Much, everything, hangs on the new director; but for their own sake candidates for the post would be well advised to read much more widely than this account of the problems of PNL.

Russia and S Africa

From Mr John Bruce Lockhart

Sir, Every theory, from high moral rectitude to cynical self-interest, has recently been advanced to explain the puzzling worldwide determination to end Mr Botha's reformist government in South Africa and replace it by a black-dominated government: every theory except, perhaps, one.

Should a closer look now be taken at the role of the Soviets in this context? Of all the nations, only the Soviets have the necessary central control, the tools and the experience to mount a large-scale, coordinated, subversive operation to gain a specific political objective. Such operations have been undertaken in the past. The whole apparatus of the State, overt and covert, has been used in these operations.

Soviet strategic interests in South Africa are clear. They want access to the mineral wealth; more important, they want control of the vital strategic shipping lanes around the Cape. The obvious way to do this is to establish a black Marxist-Leninist government in South Africa, under Soviet control.

Judged by the evidence that has already been published, the tactical means of achieving the main objective falls reasonably into four categories:

1. To control the African National Congress, both directly and through the banned South African Communist Party. The Soviets already finance, arm and train the ANC in political subversion and terrorist techniques.
2. To mobilize world opinion against apartheid by every means at their disposal – including national communist parties, Soviet front organizations, KGB agents of influence, and powerful lobbies based in the US, the UN and in Western Europe.
3. To widen political disruption and terrorism in South Africa until the country reaches a "revolutionary condition".
4. To break the will to resist among white South Africans.

It is difficult to see any sensible explanation of the present, almost universal, anti-apartheid activism other than Soviet orchestration. What is important is that Soviet involvement should be examined carefully as a matter of urgency. If major involvement is found to be true, then western governments should give it wide publicity. Above all, politicians in Washington should examine it. When Capitol Hill advocates policies that directly support Soviet strategic interests, something is not quite right.

Yours,
JOHN BRUCE LOCKHART,
Reform Club.
Pall Mall SW1.
September 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospital hygiene open to scrutiny

From Councillor P. Hartley

Sir, It is sad to see that hygienic practices in Government premises – particularly in DHSS hospitals – are all too often below standard. These hospitals are, of course, through the active encouragement of the DHSS, subject to monitoring checks by local authority environmental health officers and the conditions there are open to inspection. Other Crown properties are not open to such council inspection and one may be forgiven for wondering what the overall situation really is.

Central Government, through guidance and legislation, sets standards for the country as a whole, which are rightly enforced in the community at large, in many cases through local authorities, such as Westminster. Does Crown immunity still have to apply to Government premises for hygiene matters when Government should lead by example and comply with all the rules set by it for the remainder of the community?

It is time for all the ministries to set their house in order by setting up, or improving, their existing fields monitoring systems; employing consultants in the appropriate fields; or by further enlisting the aid of local authority environmental health departments.

We have in Westminster probably more hospitals and Government premises than any other local authority in the country. The House of Commons have recently invited us into their kitchens to assist.

In the wake of recent disclosures in other Crown premises a positive response from Government is called for.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARTLEY Chairman,
Environment Committee,
Westminster City Council,
Victoria Street, SW1.
September 10.

Raising the Titanic

From Mr. R. M. B. H. Hackman

Sir, I write to protest against the emotional tone of the letter from Mr Richard Roberts (September 7). The remarks from Mr James Rusbridger (September 11) and Mr William Summers (September 12) seem far more pertinent.

The Titanic, and her replacement, the Britannic, are the only two ships left out of the six great four-funnelled liners built between 1905 and 1915 which are at all capable of restoration. Between 1935 and 1950 the Mauretania, Olympic and Aquitania were, very stupidly, broken up, and the Lusitania appears to be too badly damaged to salve. If it is technically and commercially possible, either the Titanic or Britannic should be raised and restored as a monument to the British Mercantile Marine in its heyday and as a fitting companion to the Queen Mary and the Great Britain.

As for those who would leave her alone, I sympathise with Mrs Hart (report, September 4), whose reasons are personal, but the illogical views of other correspondents would preclude excavation or investigation of any type of grave, for any period of history or pre-history, with consequent detriment to historical knowledge.

I suggest, therefore, that when the Titanic is raised, her chapel should become a memorial shrine, in which the names of those lost would be suitably recorded and where anniversary services could be held.

Yours truly,
R.M.B.H.HACKMAN,
8 Butser Walk,
Petersfield,
Hampshire.
September 14.

Offers to teachers

From the Headmaster of S. John's Church of England School

Sir, I read with interest and some sympathy your leader (September 14) on the teachers/Sir Keith Joseph pay dispute. Changes must surely come, and so will assessments, but that is not what the dispute is about.

It is not for me to question either the accuracy or integrity of statistics produced by such an august body as the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, but I do have some statistics of my own, and good reason to believe they are not unique.

The money available to my school from the authority for maintenance, decorations, capitation and teachers' salaries has decreased in real terms, not increased. The pupil/teacher ratio criteria have recently been made worse.

It is against this background that, sadly for the first time ever, four of my seven teachers will be on strike tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GOODFELLOW,
Headmaster,
S. John's Church of England School,
Crowborough,
East Sussex.
September 16.

Fearful noises

From Mrs B. Hornby

Sir, Perhaps Mrs Oliver (September 19) should adopt the approach to screaming military jets taken by a friend of mine whose two-year-old daughter was also frightened by them. He assured her that it was only Mr Smith hurrying home for his tea.

This calmed her and brought her out from under the kitchen table. It also caused amusement to her parents and consternation to a real Mr Smith to whom she was introduced later in the day when she asked him if he was the pilot eager for his tea!

Yours sincerely,
B. HORNBY,
Peel Cottage, Frog Lane,
Upper Boddington,
Daventry,
Northamptonshire.

Exercise of the Queen's prerogative

From Mr M. W. Curran

Sir, Your leader, "The royal prerogative" (September 19), overestimates the clarity of the procedures to be followed by the Queen if faced by a majority-less Parliament.

You suggest that the Queen should allow a dissolution if the defeat of the new Government's programme in the Queen's Speech had been brought about by an aggregate of unorganised parliamentary groups, whereas, if a new coalition of parliamentary forces had emerged, a dissolution would not be necessary.

What had led to the defeat might, of course, be quite clear, but surely not necessarily so.

In that case how would the Queen distinguish between the mere aggregate and the genuinely new coalition? To the defeated Prime Minister it might be quite clear that it was a mere aggregate. To others the situation might seem much less certain.

On the other hand, given that it was apparent that a new coalition was emerging, how should the Queen decide which coalition leader should become Prime Minister? Should this be the then current leader of the party with the largest number of seats, or should she wait until the coalition produced a procedure for finding a leader and had carried this through?

It is perfectly possible that this leader might not be a party leader at the time of the election at all, e.g., a Conservative currently on the back benches, but able to bring to a Conservative/Alliance coalition sufficient support to make the Conservatives the largest group.

In any case, a defeat for a new Government's Queen's Speech programme might itself not be straightforward.

The narrower the defeat of the Queen's Speech, the more likely it is that other leaders would emerge in the Conservative or Labour parties to claim that they, without the more contentious of the policies associated with Mrs Thatcher or Mr Kinnock, would be able to get a majority for their own Queen's Speech, even without a formal coalition with the other parties.

Such prospective leaders of whichever party had the largest representation might well argue that a relatively even three-way split in the popular vote, assuming that had occurred, should be construed as a mandate for the more central policies of their own party and a rejection by the electorate of its own more extreme policies, thus obviating the need for a further election.

In the event of a serious challenge to the position of the then current leader of the largest party, should the Queen wait until the leadership question was settled before allowing a dissolution?

These are uncharted waters. I applaud the Alliance in its attempt to set the map-makers to work.

Yours faithfully,
M. W. CURRAN,
4 Linton Road, Oxford.

From Mr Wayne J. Norman

Sir, On hearing Mr Steel discuss constitutional precedents in an interview at this week's Liberal conference I was surprised to discover that he was apparently ignorant of a most recent example of the very sort of "Monarch's (representative's) prerogative" he is so keen to "demystify".

Although he mentioned, near the top of his list, a pre-war Canadian precedent, the Liberal leader seemed completely unaware of the exciting goings on in the Ontario legislature only this past spring. After the May 2 election the Tories there (who had ruled for an uninterrupted 42 years) found themselves in a precarious minority position, with only 52 of the 125 seats: just four seats ahead of the Liberals, and with the New Democrats holding the remaining 25.

Nevertheless, the Queen's representative, Lieutenant-Governor John Black Aird, called upon the Tory leader, Mr Frank Miller, to try to form a government.

After weeks of negotiations between the New Democrats and the other two parties, and before Mr Miller's throne speech, a publicly announced deal of co-operation (though not a coalition) was struck between the New Democrats and the Liberals.

The Tory throne speech was then defeated and, denying the Tory leader's request to call a new election, the Lieutenant-Governor called upon the Liberal leader, David Peterson, (yet another liberal David) to try to gain the confidence of the House, which he has.

The historical similarities of the predicaments of the Ontario and the British Liberal parties aside, this is surely the sort of constitutional precedent Mr Steel and his Alliance partners will want to publicise.

(It is worth noting that the press reaction in Ontario to this exercise of the Monarch's prerogative seems to have been overwhelmingly positive.)

Yours faithfully,
WAYNE NORMAN,
London School of Economics,
Houghton Street, WC2.

From the Principal of Halesowen College

Sir, You conclude your excellent leader, "The royal prerogative" (September 19), with the assertion that there is no more suitable person than the Queen to carry out the functions entailed in the exercise of the prerogative. Few would disagree with this, nor with your view that the Queen is not in need of advice on the subject from Mr Steel or anyone else.

Is it not, therefore, a trifle inconsistent of you to state, twice, what you consider it would be prudent of the Queen to do in certain hypothetical circumstances?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TERRY, Principal,
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Whittingham Road,
Halesowen, West Midlands.

From Mr Arthur Jacobs

Sir, What does Dr Geoffrey Marshall, of Queen's College, Oxford, mean by "Messrs" Owen, Steel and Thatcher (September 20)? Does he know something we do not?

Yours truly,
ARTHUR JACOBS,
10 Oldbury Close, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Tunnel vision

From the Reverend Michael Campling

Sir, Before we rush into a decision about a tunnel or a bridge, perhaps we should heed a warning published in his *Cosmographie* by my (one-time) famous and redoubtable predecessor, the Reverend Dr Peter Heylyn, Rector of Alresford.

Writing about the Women of Britain ("The Women generally are more handsome than in other places: sufficiently endowed with natural beauties, without the addition of adulterate Sophistications"), he informs us:

As their beauties, so also are their Prerogatives the greatest of any Nation; . . . And it is a common by-word among the Italians, that if there were a Bridge built over the Narrow Sea, all the Women of Europe would run into England. For here they have the upper hand in the streets, the upper place at the Table, the thirds of their Husbands estates, and their equal share in all Lands . . . priviledges *(sic)* wherewith other Women are not acquainted.

Of course, Sir, if we would welcome all the Women of Europe running into England, let us make up for lost time and get the bridge built double-quick. Peter Heylyn, who incidentally was also Sub-Dean of Westminster, published his tome about 325 years ago. He did not, seemingly, envisage a tunnel.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CAMPLING,
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Kiln Lane,
Old Alresford, Hampshire.

Pseudo-science

From Dr D. Broadbent, FRS and Professor L. Weiskrantz, FRS

Sir, When asked to substantiate his view that people in certain fields are likely to make unwarranted assertions, Sir George Porter (September 16) refers darkly to "those who are doing serious research work in the behavioural sciences" as likely to agree with him. As the only two Fellows of the Royal Society who are psychologists, pre-retirement, and working in the UK, we would like to be able to comment on whether we are in agreement. But we find serious ambiguities in the correspondence.

If Sir George is referring to assumptions and pronouncements about human behaviour in popular discussion, then of course many (not all) of these are scientifically worthless. And if they are paraded as "science", they can be positively harmful.

Of course, exactly the same is true of popular discussions of nutrition, exercise, computing or energy policy. How many millions have been spent on motorway repairs, bridge rebuilding, misdiagnoses in medicine, harmful side effects of drugs? Among the triumphs of science there will always be mishaps, and no field is immune.

On the other hand, if Sir George means that the academic profession of psychology by its very nature is more likely to advance unwarranted assumptions, which is a possible interpretation of his remarks, then we must say publicly that we disagree intensely. Having taught (and been taught) in sciences outside our own discipline, our impression is that formal training in psychology compares very favourably with that in older subjects. It insists upon careful harvesting and scrutiny of evidence, combined with logical analysis.

In the UK all undergraduate degree courses are vetted for approval of membership of the British Psychological Society. Serious students of psychology, in our experience, are among the most demanding of evidence and critical of unsubstantiated assertions. They are also, for the same reason, likely to be rather inhibited in making generalized pronouncements about other fields when they lack sufficient evidence to do so.

Even if it was not Sir George's intention to make a judgment about the inherent nature of academic psychology, what could be interpreted as generalized criticism from an authoritative source tends to be rapidly self-fulfilling because young people are discouraged from entering a field reported as being "soft". Instead of "hard" v "soft", we think a more relevant distinction might be between "easy" v "hard".

Yours faithfully,
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September 20.

Passenger pigeons

From Mr Michael Greville

Sir, Until I read Lord Greenhill's observations in his letter to you today (September 17) on the apparently common tactics of racing pigeons, I had thought of my experience two years ago as unique.

I was sailing a 34ft yacht from Fécamp towards Beachy Head when, shortly after dropping the French coast, a number of these birds passed and one of them proceeded to join me on watch in the cockpit.

For six hours he kept me company, refusing all offers of hospitality (biscuits and beer) and declining to indulge in conversation, until he alighted from his perch, circled the mast head, presumably in appreciation, and flew off.

Within 10 minutes the Royal Sovereign Tower was sighted, and soon Beachy Head itself.

I was most impressed by this display of constructive idleness and accurate dead reckoning to boot, but not so by the mess left on the tiller.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GREVILLE,
79A Milson Road, W14.
September 17.

Double entendre

From Mr Andy Pedley

Sir, A "joy" ride . . . on a C5 (report, September 19)? Surely not!

Sincerely,
ANDY PEDLEY,
36 Ferrymead Gardens,
Greenford, Middlesex.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24 1866

In 1715 Crete fell under the domination of the Ottoman empire. For nearly 200 years its history was a series of insurrections, foreign interventions, abortive constitutions. The Treaty of London 1913 ceded the island to Greece. Our Correspondent was the condottiere-journalist, General Ferdinand Eber, whose habit of engaging in wars as well as reporting them earned him the displeasure of his masters in Printing House Square.

GREECE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ATHENS, SEPT. 13.

The revolutionary movement in the island of Crete has acquired a degree of importance in the minds of Greek politicians that prevent their attending to any other subject. For the last ten days the Athenian newspapers have been filled with Cretan affairs, the extension of the Greek Kingdom, and the downfall of the Ottoman Empire. Every article that appears in an English, French, or German paper, if it happen to favour the cause of Greece, or reprobate the bankruptcy of Turkey, is translated, and held up to the admiration of the public, as if it announced the opinions of a Prime Minister and the resolution of a Cabinet. Crete is unquestionably an island worth winning, if it can be won either by writing about it or even by fighting for it – which is a thing the Athenians seem less inclined to undertake. In size and population Crete is little inferior, and, in fertility and position far superior to Corsica. Its forests have not yet been all destroyed by repeated conflagrations like the trees which once covered the mountains of Greece. The population exceeds 200,000, of whom upwards of 60,000 are Mussulmans of the Greek race, and who speak only the Greek language. In ancient times Crete gave birth to King Minos, who first taught the Greeks the value of laws, and it seems just now as if it were about to give birth to circumstances that may teach the Sublime Porte the value of a new system of legislation for its Christian subjects. A revolutionary signal has been hoisted that can hardly fail to modify the relations between the Christian subjects of the Sultan and the Ottoman Government in the islands and seacoasts of European Turkey.

Three months ago the Christians of Crete demanded justice according to the laws of the Ottoman Empire, and asked for the execution of the privileges conferred on them by the *Hatti Humayoum*. That phase of the movement is past. They now assert the inalienable right of nations to enjoy political liberty, and, in virtue of this right, they have declared Crete independent, and decreed its union with the kingdom of Greece. The Sultan's Government neglected to redress grievances in time, for it is always inapt to render justice. It now appeals for the preservation of its authority to the Divine right of Emperors to maintain civil order within their own dominions. The Cretan Christians refer to the revolution of the United States of America, the Sublime Porte seeks its precedent in Russia and Poland. Both parties appeal to principles of justice and policy, which cannot be put aside without opening a door to anarchy on one side and to tyranny on the other, or of granting to nations and Sovereigns a licence to do whatever seems good in their own eyes. If the Christians and the Sultan be left to themselves they must settle their differences with the sword. It would be vain to ask who is right, or what is equitable, for the question at issue is who shall exercise the supreme powers of Government? War can only be prevented by the three protecting Powers who uphold the monarchy of Greece undertaking to say what is justice, and then determining to carry their award into execution with a strong hand.

A virtual declaration of war on the part of the Christians took place on the 12th of August. The population of several districts about Mount Ida published a decree establishing a "Sacred Battalion" of 400 veteran soldiers to fight for the Cross, and appointed a chief to command it. Several revolutionary proclamations have been subsequently published in different parts of the island. . . .

The geographical configuration of the island of Crete affords great facilities for the operations of the Ottoman forces, and, if ably and vigorously employed, the Sultan's authority might be enforced over every district except the mountains of Sphakia in less than a fortnight, and with very little bloodshed. But ill-combined or timid operations might cause delays which would admit of the Christians, supposing they have taken their measures well, to prolong their defence on the mountains that form the backbone of the island in its whole length. But after the Turks are in possession of the fertile districts and the revenues of the island there would be little gained by prolonging a war in Sphakia and the recesses of Mount Ida, unless its object were to insure the intervention of the Great Powers. If the Cretans have put all their faith in Greek and foreign diplomacy without making some provision of breech-loaders and collecting magazines of ammunition and provisions, it may be found that they have acted with precipitation in decreeing the abolition of Turkish authority and their union with Greece. They know, of course, very well what would gratify their present desires; but it may be doubted whether they are good judges of their future interests. The Cretans have always fought well, and independence is a cause worth fighting for. . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 23: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Jaeger Ladies Dress, Skirt and Blouse Factory in Kilmarnock.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ayr and Arran (Colonel Bryce Knox), and the Chairman of Jaeger (Mr G. Young) and toured the factory, escorted by the General Manager (Mr J. Spence).

In the afternoon, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended the opening ceremony of the ACP/EEC (Lomé) Convention Joint Assembly Meeting at Eden Court, Inverness, and later met delegates to the Conference at the Town House.

Her Royal Highness was received by her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Inverness (Lieutenant-Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, RN), the President of the European Parliament (Monsieur Pierre Pflimlin) and the Provost of Inverness (Mr A. G. Sellar).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs, travelled in an aircraft of 32 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited The Prince of Wales' Community Venture (Sunderland) Centre, St Thomas Street, Sunderland.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Roycroft, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this evening opened the "Egyptian Landscapes" Exhibition of Weavings from the Ramses Wissa Wassef School in Egypt at the Barbican Concourse Gallery, Silk Street, EC2.

Viscountess Campden was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
St James's Palace
September 23: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Pilkington PE Limited and Ega Limited at St Asaph, North Wales.

His Royal Highness, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year, later attended a concert for the St Asaph Festival at St Asaph Cathedral.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the 32 Squadron, Royal Air Force, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

The Duchess of Kent today opened Hailsham House, the new student accommodation unit, at the University of Buckingham.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

On the twelfth anniversary of the death of Professor Stefania Niekrasz, President of the Association of Polish Musicians Abroad, a Mass will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral, on Sunday, September 29, at 10.30 am.



Mrs Mollie Jenkins, wife of the Bishop of Durham, with the prototype model of a German half-timbered house she designed with Alco van Soest (right), a Dutch volunteer, as part of a family project to create jobs. She and her daughter Deborah have set up a workshop in Bishop Auckland, opened by her husband last week, which provides space, equipment and advice for young people with ideas for setting up small businesses. The dolls' houses will be made at the workshop to help to raise the £12,000 needed to finance the scheme. Mrs Jenkins has been making dolls' houses and toys privately for 30 years (Photograph: Ian Wright).

Docklands site for flowering of Glasgow

The comedian Billy Connolly yesterday helped to launch the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival, which hopes to rival the spectacular Empire Exhibition of 1938.

A derelict dockland site on Clydeside will be landscaped and transformed into an amusement park of flowers, train rides, science exhibits and fun events for youngsters.

"Glasgow used to be a big factory and people were worried when the heavy industry went what work they would do", Mr Connolly said at the press launch of the project in London. "The garden festival will help the people of Glasgow to look forward to a bright future."

The festival hopes to attract five million people, creating 1,500 jobs in the process.

The 75,000 square metre site will provide entertainments linked with keeping fit, sport, nautical and maritime activities, horticulture, scenery, and science and technology. Later it will be developed for housing.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said: "The prospect of several million people beating a path to a derelict dock on the Clyde, magically transformed, catches the imagination".

Glasgow will be the third British city to have a festival. Liverpool had one last year and Stoke-on-Trent's is next year.

OBITUARY

HERR AXEL SPRINGER
Powerful German newspaper magnate



Herr Axel Springer, who died in West Berlin on September 22 at the age of 73, was a distinctive figure in West German life in the period since the end of the Second World War. He built up a newspaper and publishing empire whose outspoken, and frequently strident, tone was an important feature of the political scene.

Through *Die Welt*, his flagship paper, *Bild*, the mass-circulation daily, and a network of magazines and smaller local papers, Springer was able to ensure that his views were well known to politicians and public. Those views were largely conservative, based on hostility to communism, a belief in German reunification, and a conviction that the place of West Germany, and indeed a reunified Germany was with the democracies of the Western world. Springer was also a strong advocate of Israel and good German-Israel relations.

In *Bild*, in particular, the message was driven home with banner headlines and, often, an unscrupulous use of innuendo and rumour. The Social Democratic Party was a constant target, especially at the time when Herr Willy Brandt was Chancellor, and Springer became a symbol for many, both on the moderate and the far left, of an excessive concentration of power, abusively used.

In 1968, for instance, after an unsuccessful assassination attempt had been made on Rudi Dutschke, the left-wing student leader, in Berlin, student groups marched on offices of the Springer group all over Germany on the ground that because of its attacks on Dutschke it was partly responsible. In Bonn attempts were made, with little success, to restrict the scope of the Springer empire.

Springer himself was unmoved by such attacks. He demonstrated his belief in ultimate German reunification by making his home in West Berlin and by building there a skyscraper which was plainly and provocatively visible from across the wall in East Berlin. And his papers, particularly *Bild*, continued to be well-informed on political issues, including intelligence and espionage, to the discomfort of politicians in Bonn.

Axel Springer was born in Altona, a suburb of Hamburg, on May 2, 1912, the son of a printer who published a small local newspaper, the *Altonaer Nachrichten*. After leaving school he worked in his father's print shop, then took a number of reporter's jobs. When the Second World War started he was not required to serve in the armed forces for health reasons and returned to his father's firm.

Hamburg was hard hit during the war and the Springer family house was bombed. When it was over Axel Springer was one of those determined to make a new start. He set up his own publishing company in 1945, and eventually received permission from the British occupation authorities to bring out *Hor Zu*, a guide to radio programmes, followed in 1948 by *Hamburger Abendblatt*.

This was a new venture, and Springer and his staff showed great inventiveness in developing gimmicks to increase its sales. Posies of spring flowers, together with little hearts, were handed to women at street corners; and a white bridal coach was provided to convey selected couples to their weddings. Circulation picked up steadily, while *Hor Zu* established itself as a big seller.

Over the subsequent years Springer's interests grew wider and wider. He showed an uncanny gift for knowing what would sell newspapers, often introducing techniques that had not previously been known in Germany. Before 1952, for instance, when he founded *Bild*, there had not been a successful mass-circulation tabloid, and with its bold use of photographs, red ink and large headlines it rapidly became a national institution.

Today *Bild* has a circulation of over five million, and with its emphasis on sport, crime and stories about sex, as well as its hard-hitting political coverage it has a secure readership.

In 1953 Springer took over *Die Welt*, originally set up under British auspices and one of West Germany's leading quality papers. Under Springer's ownership it, too, took a clearly right-of-centre line on political issues and on questions of law and order. As a way of emphasizing its national, as opposed to regional, standing, its editorial headquarters was moved from Hamburg to Bonn.

Both *Bild* and *Die Welt* were in due course given Sunday editions, another innovation on the German press scene.

Springer always insisted that he took no direct hand in the editorial policies of his papers, but his own views were well known and his editors did not stray far from them. High on his list of priorities in earlier days was German reunification, and in 1958 he went to Moscow in the belief that he could persuade the Soviet leaders to agree to it. He was unsuccessful, and that fuelled the anti-communist line which later became more marked.

At one time he supported the right wing of the SPD in West Berlin, but in later years as the party became more of a power, and eventually formed a government of its own in Bonn, his papers were sharply opposed to it. They were particularly critical of the party's *Ostpolitik*, believing that it was giving away too much to the Communist governments of the Eastern bloc.

They also focussed on Brandt and his admittedly bohemian style of life; and when a spy was discovered in Brandt's entourage were outspoken in calling for his resignation.

Springer's achievement was to build up from nothing a vast newspaper and publishing empire which towered over its rivals in West Germany and made itself felt by people across the country. Its methods were not always attractive, and there were serious grounds for concern over its predominant position. But Springer's reply to his critics was that he had built it up by producing papers that people wanted to read, and that was hardly reason for censure, or for cutting them back.

He himself led a fairly private life, not least, in recent years, for fear of terrorists, whom his papers had attacked. He suffered a severe blow in 1980 when his son, Axel, killed himself. Earlier this year a grandson was abducted in Switzerland, but subsequently released.

PROFESSOR JOHN BOWLE

Professor John Bowle who died on September 17 at the age of 79, had a varied career, as schoolmaster, don, historian, writer, temporary civil servant and – in his capacity as director of its preparatory session and subsequently Professor of Political Theory there from 1950 to 1967 – as one of the architects of the College of Europe.

In narrative history, and biography, at both of which he excelled, Bowle succeeded in bringing his sources to life with an exceptional eye for the colour and peculiarities of the scene he was describing.

John Edward Bowle was born on December 19 1905. After a brilliant career at Marlborough (where his best friend was John Betjeman), which culminated in his winning the Brackenbury Scholarship to Balliol, he read history at Oxford.

A family crisis precipitated a collapse in his Schools, and, having missed the expected fellowship, he taught history at Westminster School from 1932-40. From 1940-41 he taught history at Eton.

Bad eyesight precluded him from war service with the forces, but he joined the Air Ministry as one of the private secretaries of the Secretary of State for Air, Archibald Sinclair. Later in the war he served with the Foreign Office.

At the end of the war Bowle accepted a lectureship at Wadham College, Oxford. At last he had the facilities for research and writing. His first book *Western Political Thought*, was an immediate success. There followed *The Unity of European History* and *Politics and Opinion in the Nineteenth Century*.

The first brought him the invitation to take charge of the preparatory session of the College of Europe in Bruges in 1947, and to a part-time chair there which he held for the next twenty years. The second established his reputation in this country and in the USA, where he was to hold a series of visiting chairs at Colombia, Grinnell, Occidental, Indiana University and Smith College.

Increasingly in his work he moved away from political theory to general history and biography, as exemplified by *Hobbes and his Critics* (1951), *Henry VIII* (1960), *The English Experience* (1967), *Charles I* (1971) and *John Evelyn and his Friends* (1981).

He edited the *Concise Encyclopaedia of World History* (1958), subsequently edited a Larousse work on similar lines and himself wrote *A New Outline of World History* later re-published as *Man Through the Ages*.

His other works included *Lord Samuel: A biography*, *England: a Portrait* and a short biography of Napolcon.

Mr Frank Walker, one of Canada's most eminent journalists, who was editor-in-chief of the *Montreal Star* from 1968 to its closure in 1979, has died in Montreal at the age of 69.

Shaikh Abdel Latif Khafar, Grand Mufti of Egypt, died on September 16 at the age of 63.

Mr Robert Hendry Weir, CB, who has died in Edinburgh at the age 73, was director of the National Gas Turbine Establishment from 1960 to 1970, and of the National Engineering Laboratory from 1970 to 1974.

Marriages

Mr T. R. Bacon and Miss M. R. O. Grant

The marriage took place on Saturday September 14, at St Just in Roseland Church between Mr Timothy Bacon, younger son of the late Mr Christopher Bacon and of Mrs Christopher Bacon, and Miss Marylyn Grant, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Grant. The Rev Roney Ackworth officiated, assisted by the Rev Bernard Morgan.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alexander William Durnford, Suzannah and Andrew Bartlett and Henrietta Merriam. Mr Richard Bacon was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in India.

Mr G. Groves and Miss J. Batey

The marriage took place at the Old Palace, Mayfield on September 14 of Mr Gordon Groves and Miss Jane Batey.

Mr J. D. Kendrick and Miss D. H. Rushbrook

The marriage took place on September 21, 1985, at Lewisham Register Office, followed by a blessing at St John's Church, Catford, Southend, between Mr James Derrick Kendrick, of Adelaide, South Australia, and Miss Doris Helen (Dot) Rushbrook, of Catford. They will live in Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr A. Wilcock and Miss Y. J. C. Campbell-Kemp

The marriage took place in London on September 14 of Mr Andrew Wilcock and Miss Yolanda Campbell-Kemp.

Forthcoming

Mr R. D. Colt and Miss L. Hough

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Colt, of Heswall, The Wirral, and Lynda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Hough, of Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire.

Mr G. Green and Miss A. E. D. Quinn

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr Roger Green, of Uppingham, Rutland, and Mrs Yvonne Nichols, of Manton, Leicestershire, and Amanda Davenall, daughter of Mr and Mrs John R. Quinn, of Lyddington, Rutland.

Mr B-M. P. R. Guerin and Miss C. F. Stapylton-Thorley

The engagement is announced between Benoit-Marie, son of M and Mme Philippe Guerin, of Concise, Thonon-les-bains, France and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr Brian Stapylton-Thorley, of Milton Cottage, Dalguise, Perthshire and Mrs Audrey Stapylton-Thorley, of Hertfordshire.

Mr P. W. l'Anson and Miss C. Mackintosh

The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. l'Anson, of Chesterfield (formerly of Bury) and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. B. Mackintosh, of Hammersmith.

Mr M. J. P. F. Williamson-Persh and Miss E. A. Kavanagh

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Marcus, son of Mr J. F. Williamson-Persh, of Montreal, Canada, and Mrs C. Williamson-Persh, of West Berlin, Germany and Edwina, eldest daughter of Mr P. V. F. Kavanagh, of Wokingham, Berkshire and Mrs P. G. M. Walby, of Pevensey.

Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, 53; the Hon Mrs Geoffrey Bowlby, 100; Sir Mervyn Brown, 62; Mr Colin Cowe, 68; Marshal of the RAF Sir William Dickson, 87; Sir Seymour Egerton, 70; Mr Brian Glanville, 54; Professor Richard Hoggart, 67; Sir Robin Kinahan, 69; Sir David Lane, 63; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 69; Professor G. P. McNicol, 56; Professor Bernard Nevill, 51; Mr Anthony Newley, 54; Mr Andrzej Panufnik, 71; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, 81; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeeton, 73; Mr Justice Warner, 61.

Latest appointments

Mr P. H. C. Eyers, aged 52, Ambassador at Kinshasa, to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to Burundi in succession to Mr N. P. Bayne, who has taken up a new appointment in London.

The Right Rev W. J. Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, to be president of Church Housing Association.

The Rev Nicholas Bradbury, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Tottenham, diocese of London, director of pastoral theology at Salisbury and Wells Theological College.

Mr C. W. Long, on promotion to the senior grade, to take over the responsibilities of Mr C. H. Imray as Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Deputy Chief Clerk and Chief Inspector), Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr P. B. H. May to be a vice-president of the London Playing Fields Society.

Mr John R. Henderson to be a trustee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and Professor Eric A. Ash, FRS, Mr Lynn Davies, Mr Douglas Hardie, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, and Mr William Wilkinson to be council members.

Luncheon

"Saints and Sinners" Club

The "Saints and Sinners" Club of London held a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday to honour the unbroken 61-year record of Lord Boothby as a parliamentarian.

Mr Cliff Morgan was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Percy Hoskins, founder and president of the club, who proposed the health of the guest, and Mr Neil Benson, honorary secretary.

Dinners

British Atlantic Education Committee

The Chairman of the British Atlantic Education Committee, Mr Michael Ricketts, presided at the annual dinner yesterday held at the Royal Commonwealth Society. The guest of honour was Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of Defence Staff.

National Sporting Club

The National Sporting Club held a boxing dinner at Grosvenor House last night. Mr Alan Butcher and Mr Phil Carrick were the guests of honour, Mr Jarvis Astaire was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Bob Bevan and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme.

Service dinner

The RAF Club Dining Society held a dinner last night at which Sir Austin Pearce was the guest of honour. Flight Lieutenant L. E. H. Williams presided and a vote of thanks was proposed by Flight Lieutenant F. J. Briggs.

Parliament state opening

Parliament will be opened by the Queen at 11.30 am on Wednesday, November 6.

Applications from peers for tickets and car parking labels, if required, should be sent to the Secretary to the Lord Great Chamberlain, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW, by Friday, October 11.

After the receipt of applications for seats in the Chamber of the House of Lords for peeresses, husbands and peers' eldest sons, not below the age of 14 years, a ballot will be held and tickets sent to those successful; unsuccessful applicants will be informed. Tickets have to be restricted to peeresses/husbands whose husbands/wives are members of the House of Lords at the time; and are issued on the understanding that the peer will be present at the ceremony.

A limited number of tickets for the Royal Gallery will be available for relatives and friends of members of both Houses of Parliament to watch the procession. Peers can apply for one ticket only. MPs should apply for these tickets to the Speaker's secretary.

Applications for car parking labels should state whether they are for chauffeur or owner-driven cars or for use by a Royal Gallery guest.

The doors will be opened at 9.50 am and will be closed at 10.45 am, or as stated on the ticket.

Dress for the floor of the chamber of the House of Lords will be: Peeresses, evening dress, decorations, collars; peers, robes over service dress or suits; knights of orders, collars.

Dress for the Royal Gallery: Ladies, day dress with hat; gentlemen, morning dress, service dress or suit.

Memorial service

Mr C. W. Warwick

A memorial service for Mr C. W. Warwick was held at St Helen's, Bishopsgate, yesterday. The Rev Hugh Palmer officiated, assisted by the Rev Glyn Jones, assistant general secretary to the Missions to Seamen, Mr Richard Hunt, Chairman of the Baltic Exchange, read the lesson and Mr John Moulder gave an address.

£34,000 grant saves York Saxon dig

York Archaeological Trust is to receive a grant of £34,000 from York City Council to allow work to be continued on the now-redundant Redfearn National Glass Factory at Fishergate, York.

During the summer a trial dig uncovered the remains of Eoforwick, the long lost Anglo-Saxon city on the site. The new grant will allow further excavation to take place before the site is developed by Costain for new houses.

Benenden Charity Ball

The Benenden Charity Ball, in aid of the Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire foundations, will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, November 1, 1985. Applications for tickets should be made to Mrs Peter James, 40 Ashchurch Grove, London W12. Tel: 01-409 0838.

Musicians honoured

Sir Lennox Berkeley, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Eric Fenby, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Gerald Moore, Sir Peter Pears and Solomon have been elected honorary members of the Royal Philharmonic Society for their outstanding services to music.

University news

Oxford

Appointments from October 1 except where otherwise stated:
University lecturers: P A Bull, MSc, PhD Wales, fellow-elect of Hertford College, physical geography; D J Stuart, BSc London, PhD Bristol, fellow-elect of Hertford, structural molecular biology (new blood post); Miss J E Drew, BSc Durham, PhD London, fellow-elect of St Hilda's, astrophysics, from October 1, 1986 (new blood post); C R M Grovenor, MS, DPhil, St Catherine's, metallurgy, from April 1, 1986 (information technology post); A Hamnett, MA, DPhil, fellow of St Catherine's, inorganic chemistry, from October 1, 1986; T C Tennane, BSc Bath, PhD Glasgow, fellow-elect of Hertford, pharmacology. Temporary university lecturer: P R A Hinde, BA, PhD Cambridge, demography, from October 1, 1986, until June 30, 1986. Faculty of clinical medicine – clinical reader: H J McQuay, MA, BM Balliol, pain relief, from September 1, 1985.
University lecturer (medical): A R M Townsend, MB, BS, PhD London, fellow-elect of Linacre, clinical immunology (new blood post).
Clinical lecturers: R M Atkins, MA Exeter, MB, BS London, orthopaedic surgery, from September 1, 1985; G M Goodwin, MA, BM, DPhil, Magdalen, psychiatry.

Essex

Appointments from October 1 unless otherwise stated:
Chairs: Dr R Turner, lecturer computer science, artificial intelligence; Dr I Kershaw, senior lecturer in modern history, Manchester University, history, at a date to be fixed.
Readerships: Dr A Barav, lecturer in law, Reading University, law; A J Hawkins, reader in law, Hull University, law.
Senior lectureship: Dr R M Atkinson, lecturer in language and linguistics; J E Doran, lecturer in computer science.

Lectureships: Miss Oriel Sullivan, research assistant for the population investigation committee, London School of Economics, sociology; Dr P M Carruthers, lecturer in Philosophy, Queen's University, Belfast, philosophy; Mrs S A Babbler, senior systems analyst at Standard Telecommunications Laboratories, Harlow, computer science; Dr M T Sanderson, temporary lecturer in computer science, same department; J Arnold, senior lecturer in financial accounting, Leeds Polytechnic, economics; S W D Steel, senior research officer, computer science, same department.

Exeter

P. Kline, BA (Read), MEd (Aberd) PhD, DSc (Manc), reader in psychometrics, has been appointed to a personal chair in psychometrics from October 1.

Other appointments
Readerships (from Oct 1): M J A Howe, BA, PhD, human cognition; T J Shuttleworth, BSc, PhD, animal physiology.
Promotions to senior lectureships (from October 1): Dr P F Cowie, English; Dr J M Porter, economic history; Dr J R Sambles, physics; Dr W H Taylor, education.
Senior lectureships: J H Tripp, BSc, MD, child health (from Jan 1); C G Rowland, BSc, MB, BS, postgraduate medical school (from Sept 1).
Lectureships (from Oct 1, unless stated otherwise): A W Higgs, BSc, PhD, physics (Feb 1); H Curtis, MB, ChB, child health; J Barry, BA, MA, history; C M Bevan, LLB, law; N J Crichton, BSc, MSc, PhD, mathematical statistics and operational research (Sept 1); D G Evans, MA, DPhil, chemistry; P W Fowler, BSc, PhD, chemistry; J S B Gallar, BSc, PhD, mathematics (Sept 1); F J Macleod, BA, education (Sept 1); J L Melling, BSoc, Sc PhD, economic history; W J Milner, BSc, PhD, Dip Ed, computer science; N Smirnoff, BSc, PhD, biological sciences (Sept 1); D A Trotter, BA, French and Italian; J M Whittaker, BA, MPhil, agricultural economics; S J Aves, BA, PhD, biological sciences (Jan 1).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev C John Astill, Vicar, Church of the Saviour, Blackburn, diocese of Blackburn, to be team Rector, North Ferriby, diocese of York.

The Rev M G Bishop, team Vicar, Billingham, St Aidan and St Luke, diocese of Durham, to be Rector, St Barnabas, Burnmoor, same diocese.

The Rev J H Carroll, priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Purley, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev C R Cornwell, domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Lichfield and priest Vicar Choral of Lichfield Cathedral, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar, Ellesmere and Welsh Frankton (held in plurality), same diocese.

The Rev G C Day, secretary for ministry, Church Pastoral Aid Society and curate, Christ Church, Bromley, diocese of Rochester; to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Cray, same diocese.

The Rev B J R Gerry, Vicar, Axmouth with Musbury, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar St Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, same diocese.

The Rev H A R Edgell, Rector, Hingham with Wood Rising and Scoulton, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar, Horning, same diocese.

The Rev P E R Hall, Rector, Leven with Catwick, diocese of York, to be priest-in-charge, Mayfield, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev C P Hawnt, curate, St Andrew's, Rugby, diocese of Coventry, to be Rector, Lydeard St Lawrence with Brompton Ralph, Combe Florey, Ash Priors and Tolland, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev C W Herbert, Vicar, The Bourne, St Thomas on the Bourne, diocese of Guildford, to be also an honorary canon of Guildford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev P S Knight, Vicar, St John the Baptist, Enfield, diocese of London, to be team Vicar, Bickleigh, Cadeleigh, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Colebrooke and Washfield, in the Exe Valley team ministry, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev R J R Lea, Vicar, Larkfield, and priest-in-charge, Leybourne, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar, St Stephen's, Chatham, same diocese.

The Rev D Marsh, Vicar, St Andrew the Westlands, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar, Trentham, same diocese.

The Rev K Powell, Vicar of Bickershaw, diocese of Liverpool, to be the Rector of Hesketh Bank with Becconsall, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev M S Porteous, Chaplain to Christ's Hospital, Horsham, diocese of Chichester, to be team Vicar, Holy Nativity, Bervedean in the Moulsecoomb team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Q M Roschetti, curate, Moulsecoomb team ministry (in charge of St Mary Magdalene), diocese of Chichester, to be team Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, in the Moulsecoomb team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev F R Smale, Vicar, River, diocese of Canterbury, to be Vicar, Birchington All Saints, with Acol St Mildred, and Minnis Bay St Thomas, same diocese.

The Rev J D Smith, Vicar, Cobham, St Andrew's and Rural Dean of Leatherhead, diocese of Guildford, to be also an honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

The Rev B T Swinerton, Chaplain, Christ Church, Naples, diocese of Europe, to be priest-in-charge, Sparkwell and Shaugh Prior, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev M B Tingle, Vicar, St Anselm's, Belmont, diocese of London, to be Vicar, Burford with Fulbrook and Taynton, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev D Turner, Vicar, Meltham and Wilshaw, diocese of Wakefield, to be also priest-in-charge, Meltham St Bartholomew, same diocese.

The Rev C J Wayte, priest-in-charge, Boughton Monchelsea, diocese of Canterbury, to be Vicar, St Margaret at Cliffe with Westcliffe and East Langdon with West Langdon, same diocese.

The Rev G P Williams, Chaplain, RN, to be Vicar, Northlew with Ashbury and Bratton Clovelly with Germansweek, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev J Woolcock, Rector, Distington, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, Staveley with Kentmere, same diocese.

Retirement

The Rev D T Jarvis, Vicar, Christ Church, Tranham Green, diocese of London, to retire at the end of October.

Latest wills

Sir Eric Hallinan, of Hammersmith, London, Chief Justice of Cyprus from 1952 to 1957, left estate in England and Wales valued at £23,003 net.

Judge Paul Grant Hughes, of Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, who was made a circuit judge in 1978, left £320,947 net.

Mr George Cox, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, who played football for Arsenal and cricket for Sussex, left £163,394 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Caselton-Clark, Mrs Ventrice Kirsopp, of Amersham £320,221
Crossdale, Mr James Alfred, of Bury St Edmunds £337,973
Hayton, Barbara Wilhelmina, of Palmers Green, London £348,653
Morris, Mr Elwyn, of Eastbourne, television engineer £287,892
Walker, Mr William Albert, of Aylesbury £250,550
Alvis, Mr John Brinkley, of Richmond, Surrey £741,530
Clapham, Mr Peter Roderic, of Chelsea, London £509,650
Downward, Mrs Elizabeth Mary, of Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire £804,706
Whitehead, Beatrice May, of Bournemouth £450,988

Science report

Ball lightning could be energy source

From Peter Spinks, Amsterdam

Although scientists have traditionally discounted as folklore the phenomenon of ball lightning, a luminous electric sphere about the size of a grapefruit that can float around inside houses or vehicles after lightning storms, Dutch researchers have shown that it not only exists but may well provide a cheaper and simpler alternative to conventional nuclear energy.

Dr Geert Dijkhuis, director of Convectron, the Rotterdam-based company, has just succeeded in producing for one second a variant of ball lightning in the form of what he calls "spherical, independent discharges of 10cm". He says that although such discharges are not proper ball lightning, it will be a year or so before he demonstrates the full effect.

According to Dr Dijkhuis, whose doctorate in applied physics is from Stanford University, ball lightning consists of superconducting ionized gas, created by lightning discharges. The gas is ionized by proximity to a lightning bolt, after which vortices are created in the gas.

These vortices spin in the same way as the particles of which they consist. The spin is then transmitted to the whole blob of gas, creating a spinning, luminous ball. That theory, Dijkhuis says, explains why ball lightning has been reported inside the cabins of metal aircraft.

To put theory into practice, he set out to show that very large short-circuit currents, such as those sometimes occurring in submarines, may produce, on interruption, a self-supported fireball which closely resembles ball lightning.

He has done that by setting up a circuit in the laboratory, using 400 submarine batteries. The cells are connected in five separate rings, each delivering 35 kiloamps at 160 volts. In addition to the main circuit breaker, which interrupts all five rings simultaneously, each ring has a special connector for making another short circuit. It is the interruption of the main short circuit which leads to the production of a fireball.

To achieve full-blown ball lightning, he says the next step will be to increase the current in the circuits and to perform the circuit-breaking process faster. That should produce small-scale nuclear fusion, which he believes takes place in ball lightning.

Although his ideas are scorned by older classical physicists who, he says, "are unfamiliar with modern quantum mechanics and relativity theory", Dr Dijkhuis has been encouraged by recent work by Indian physicists. They have found that ordinary lightning strokes can produce neutrons as a result of fusion of deuterium nuclei. The fusion process releases enough power to support the average ball lightning.

That point could be proved with a neutron detector. The presence of neutrons in the recent discharge obtained by Convectron was not proven, however, because the detector's sensitivity was disrupted by the accompanying bang of the discharge.

If the next phase of the project, which is funded by Rotterdam's city concil and several hundred private investors, produces a ball lasting for three seconds or longer, then the Dutchman's dream of producing one megawatt of electricity from this small-scale emergy source may come true.

He envisages commercialization in the form of a relatively small nuclear reactor running on deuterium. Its main advantage would be that deuterium, which is obtainable from sea water, is cheaper that the fuel used by conventional nuclear reactors.



English & Foreign Silver: Tuesday, 24th September at 11 a.m., King Street: The kind of early-Season sale which offers a wide selection of silver for use rather than museum pieces. Table services, tea-sets, butter-dishes, coffee-pots and so on, most of excellent quality and at affordable prices.

The Studio of Frank O. Salisbury: Wednesday, 25th September at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., King Street: All British Establishment Life is here. Salisbury, who painted portraits of the great and the good for the first six decades of the century, drew his style from the Italian masters, the great British eighteenth-century school, and his early stained glass apprenticeship. The range of the sale covers studies for public commissions such as the House of Lords; charming interiors; First World War subjects; portraits of Royalty, politicians (a splendid Churchill among them), aristocracy and actors. The useful subject index is a Who's Who of the period. Price range £50 to £4,000.

The Property of The late Geoffrey Bennison: Thursday, 26th September at 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. and Friday, 27th September at 11 a.m., King Street: If future historians of taste need to know what constituted flair, style, and that indefinable quality of 'eye' in the sixties and seventies, Geoffrey Bennison's collection surely defines it. As John Richardson writes in the introduction: Bennison as a decorator "created an effect that would be festive without being formal, artistic without being *voulu*, and nostalgic without being fustian". His personal collection, which we hope to show in a way reminiscent of the way it was set out fits that description perfectly. It epitomises the taste of our times.

Decorative Arts from 1850 to the Present Day: Monday, 30th September at 11 a.m. & 2.30 p.m., King Street: A wide-ranging sale of excellent quality where sinuous art nouveau forms can be seen near the earnest simplicity of Arts and Crafts furniture; stylish 1920's motoring advertising material and Scandinavian 1950's glass; Tiffany, Daum, and Loetz glass, and even a Salvador Dali 'Lips' sofa. Opportunities for buyers of almost every branch of modern applied arts.

Sunday Opening: *In addition to normal weekday viewing, Christie's King Street, will be open on Sundays, from 6 October, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Staff will be available to advise on works of art on view.*

For futher information on these and other September sales please contact 01-839 9060 for King Street, 01-581 7611 for South Kensington. South Kensington is open every Monday evening until 7 p.m. for viewing and free assessments on items brought in.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A different world but no new policy appears

The dollar is in real trouble. That is the message which filtered through to bond markets in New York, where traders initially assumed that bonds would benefit from a weaker dollar, on the ground that interest rates were now less likely to rise. Subsequently bonds slipped as they realized that trade-offs against the dollar's fall could be quite expensive.

Financing the US federal and trade deficits, the financial crux of the situation, has been substantially assisted by the dollar's over-valuation. The decline in the currency, if as seems likely, discourages capital inflows to the US.

Theoretically, US inflation prospects may also worsen, leading to a steepening in the US yield curve, which in turn will make it more difficult for the US Treasury to sell its debt.

These difficulties are superimposed on structural problems, notably congressional reluctance to authorize a rise in the federal debt ceiling, which should result in a flood of US paper hitting the market in early Autumn.

The stark reality is that the Federal Reserve Board, has very little room to manoeuvre in its bid to US economic growth unless the agreement to bring the dollar down. Within the US, protectionist pressures are increasing rapidly, as cheap imports pour in.

In the Third World, the US banking system faces a cabal of disenchanted and heavily indebted nations for whom the mighty dollar means higher debt interest payments and repressive fiscal policies. Not unnaturally, many of them are contemplating declaring *force majeure* and threatening to repudiate their debts.

Moves of this nature risk bringing about severe problems for the US banking system. American banks have been under consistent pressure throughout President Reagan's experiment with unrestrained fiscal deficits. Such is their current exposure to bad debts, that they cannot afford a recession. Yet that is what the latest set of US growth figures (for the third quarter) depict: real growth of less than 3 per cent counts in this numbers game as zero expansion. Add to this position the threat to the US from the Third World and the precautionary measures over the weekend involving the Group of Five become understandable.

The consequences of this international support operation for Britain are not easy to fathom. Markets registered a knee-jerk response. Sterling shot above $1.40 to close roughly 5½ cents up on the day at $1.4295. Gilts jumped by around one point on the not unnatural assumption that such an exchange rate level would be officially unacceptable. Rate cuts would follow soon. The fact that the CBI chose yesterday to reveal that export order books are at a 12-month low reinforced the market's judgement that rates and sterling would be coming down soon, if only to boost the real economy.

This view is predicated on the perception that Britain is broadly in charge of its own destiny, forgetting that this is a dollar crisis. Piggy-backing the dollar on the way down may not be allowed this time round.

This explains why the Chancellor chose to stress that monetary policy would remain tight. The Bank of England reinforced his comments in the course of the day. Faced with a massive shortage of £1.4 billion in the money markets, the authorities appear to have sent out some clear signals.

Intervention in the discount market was delayed by and large until the afternoon. A purchase and resale arrangement was negotiated with the discount houses at rates which certainly did not signpost any imminent cuts in rates. Late assistance totalled £190 million. The authorities' move can be seen as a straight – and hostile – reponse to market calls for lower rates; three-month interbank rates fell 5/16 of a point to about 11 ¼ per cent.

The Government Broker also strode onto the gilts market floor in late afternoon to announce two new taplets: £250 million of Exchequer 10½ per cent 1997, and a similar amount of Conversion 9½ per cent 2004. The late 1990s stock may be worth buying on hopes of a flattening yield curve, but traders were dismayed by the appearance of the 21st century stock, recalling as it does the unpopular long tap which has just been exhausted. The dollar crisis has apparently forced the authorities to tap the market via "dog" stocks.

The market new perceives that the authorities are up to their old tricks again, and poised to tap it heavily. Worse, the Treasury and Bank of England are incapable of supplying a rationale to the market, since they appear now to have forsworn exchange rate targeting, and a replacement policy is not yet to hand.

Pound jumps 5 cents in wake of finance ministers' accord

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The foreign exchange markets moved sharply yesterday, in response to the weekend meeting of the Group of Five finance ministers and central bankers.

The threat of concerted intervention against the dollar sent the American currency down sharply. The pound gained 7 cents on Friday's close in early, hectic trading, later settling back to close 5.1 cents up on the day at $1.4255. Later in New York, the pound was quoted at $1.4370.

The initial switch out of dollars was predominantly into sterling. Later, however, a fall in money market interest rates in London, and speculation about an early British base rate cut, moved the focus to the European currencies.

The dollar lost 12 pfennigs against the mark, falling to DM2.72. The dollar also plunged against the yen, the rate falling from Y240.1 to Y231.6.

The swiftness of the markets' response meant that there was no call for the big five industrialized countries to use the concerted intervention against the dollar they agreed upon in New York on Sunday.

The only positive action yesterday was by the US Federal Reserve Board, which arranged $2 billion of customer repurchases, a move interpreted as reinforcing official encouragement for lower US interest rates.

For much of yesterday, the foreign exchanges sought clarification of the Group Five's agreement. In Bonn, the West German finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, said that the meeting had not fixed target zones for the dollar against other leading currencies.

However, the meeting had started with the assumption that the dollar was overvalued against most currencies, he added.

In London, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said that the United States had moved to a position where it was more in favour of concerted intervention.

Mr Lawson also hinted that the dollar's fall would not be met, at least in the early stages, by interest rate cuts in other countries.

The Treasuy has emphasized that British base rates will be kept at levels necessary to maintain the downward pressure on inflation. Yesterday, money market interest rates initially fell by ⅜ points, closing ¼ points down.

The three-month interbank rate closed at 11⅝-11¼ per cent, with the one month rate, at 11⅜-11⅞ per cent, in line with current base rate levels of 11½ per cent.

The Bank of England left its money market dealing rates unchanged, and there is a general feeling in the European money centres that interest rates will not be reduced for the time being, because of the risk of jeopardising the dollar's correction.

At yesterday's closing levels in Europe, the dollar was about 30 per cent below its peak level this year against the mark, and 40 per cent below its 1985 peak against the pound. Even so, it is still considered to be overvalued.

Despite the threat of intervention, action on the US budget deficit is still regarded as essential if the dollar's over valuation is to be corrected.

The stockbrokers, James Capel, said yesterday that the main effect of the Group of Five agreement may be to stop further dollar rises.

Opec fears recede

The weakening dollar has offered the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) a chance to avert a split withing its ranks and maintain its present price and output quota agreements.

Opec Ministers are due to meet in Vienna on October 3 with its cunsomers – the oil consuming nations anticipating a cut in the present $28 a barrel official price for light crude.

Saudi Arabian discount deals and extended credit and barter deals offered by other Opec members brought the effective price for large volume orders down by between $3 and $2.50 a barrel.

The Vienna meeting had been expected to develope into a hard-bargaining session with each Opec member demanding price-flexibility

A weaker dollar – all oil deals are dollar denominated – now means that Opec will be more united in keeping its oil price as high as possible.

Fleet questions United figures

By William Kay

On the eve of the first closing date for United Newspapers' £290 million takeover bid for Fleet Holdings, owner of the Express group of newspapers, Fleet shareholders have received a letter from the chairman, Lord Matthews, casting grave doubts on United's recent profit figures.

Lord Matthews has taken the unusual step of reinforcing his criticisms with a letter from Fleet's auditor, Touche Ross & Co. Mr Ian Irvine, Fleet's managing director, is a former senior partner of Touche Ross.

The strictures are made on three counts: 1, This year, for the first time, United will have to write off goodwill in its balance sheet.

As the goodwill is too large to write off in one chunk against reserves, they will have to be written off over a period against profits. Lord Matthews suggests a write-off of £3.9 million a year over 20 years. None was allowed for in United's half-year profit of £19.3 million, and the company's auditors subsequently drew directors' attention to the omission.



Ian Irvine

2. United's interim profit included £1.7 million of profits from Fleet, reflecting United's 20 per cent stake in Fleet. But, Touche points out, this is not permissible unless the investing company has "significant influence" over the company whose shares it holds.

3. United's figures include £752,000 of extaordinary profits for the six months ended June 30. Yet on January it sold shares in Trident Televison, producing what would normally be regarded as an extraordiary profit of £4.2 million. Lord Matthews comments: "It would appear that significant costs has been netted against this profit. What is the cause and nature of these undisclosed costs?"

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell, United's merchant bank, said last night: "On goodwill, the United board simply has not made up its mind how to treat it. There are a host of alternatives. The inclusion of a proportion of Fleet's profits was cleared with our auditors, and full details of the costs offset against the Trident profit will be discloses in United's annual accounts, in accordance with normal practice."

Accountancy groups in merger talks

By Ian Griffiths

Two of the world's largest international accountancy practices, KMG and Peat Marwick Mitchell, are having preliminary merger talks which could lead to the creation of the world's largest accountancy firm.

Both firms were keen to play down the significance of the talks yesterday which were described as being at "an early and exploratory stage".

So far the discussions have been conducted at an international level although there has been an exchange of information between national partners.

Mr Frank Harding, a partner in Thomson McLintock, the United Kingdom representative of KMG, said that the firm had been approached in recent months by several of the big eight accountancy practices with a view to a possible merger.

The great attraction of KMG is the strength of its European practice. It is the dominant firm in several countries and is placed second in others.

The combined firm would have worldwide fee income of *approaching $2.5 billion which* would put it some way ahead of its nearest rival. In the United Kingdom the fee income would be closer to £150 million whih would again place the combined firm at the head of the accountancy league table.

The immediate priority for KMG and Peats is to decide swiftly whether the talks can proceed to a more detailed stage. The firms are conscious of the uncertainties posed by such talks for both clients and staff.

Bankers defy the Old Lady

The Bank of England faces an embarrassing mini-revolt by the City banking community over its request for permission to talk to banks' auditors while the issues surrounding the banker-supervisor-auditor relationship are being discussed.

This was always going to be one of the most sensitive of supervisory changes proposed in the wake of the Johnson Matthey Bankers affair, for it cuts right across the delicate client-auditor relationship. But the Bank of England seems to have made a bad tactical mistake by writing to banks last month asking them to give supervisors access to their auditors when discussions on the consultative document containing the new proposals have not even begun.

Bankers are taking the view that the letter prejudges the issue and in effect devalues the discussions. The big clearing banks, presumably deciding that there is safety in a degree of anonymity, are giving the thumbs down to the Bank of England's request in the form of a letter from the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers.

Hot off the typewriter, and apparently signed by Philip Wilkinson of Nat-West, who chairs the chief executives' committee, the letter makes clear that the CLSB members feel it would be inappropriate to give blanket approval when discussions have not been concluded. However, the banks would consider making case by case arrangements if specific issues arose.

Many merchant banks and foreign banks appear to be relaying in similar vein, although it seems that the message has not quite sunk in down at Threadneedle Street. Doubtless it will, once the CLSB letter is received and digested.

Discussions on the issue of supervisors talking to auditors are due to begin in a couple of weeks with a meeting between the British Bankers' Association and the Bank of England. The resistance of the banks to meeting the Bank of England's interim request is not an indication that they believe there should not be any dialogue.

However, most are deeply concerned at the prospect of auditors being able to talk to supervisors without the bank in question knowing. This point has already been forcibly made by some of the accountants themselves. They are concerned that the relationship between client and auditor would be hopelessly comprised if auditors were to behave like a supervisory spy in the camp.

The banks are also unhappy at the prospect of having to pay greatly increased fees to their auditors, a likely development arising from some of the new supervisory proposals

Warning on insurance tax relief

By Richard Thomson

Thousands of life assurance policy-holders could find their monthly premiums rising by 15 per cent, the Association of British Insurers said yesterday. The policies affected would be those issued in the hours before midnight of March 13 last year, when life assurance premium relief was abolished.

The Life Insurance Council of the ABI met yesterday to discuss the Inland Revenue's refusal to allow tax relief on the policies concerned.

Mr Michael Oppe, secretary general of the council, said: "The meeting considered bringing a test case to the courts on the issue but rejected it. More life offices will now be writing to policy-holders to warn them of what is happening and in many cases this will be a prelude to asking policy-holders to pay premiums gross."

About 100,000 policies are in dispute, involving £60 million of potential tax relief. Since March 13 last year most insurance companies have been paying the extra 15 per cent to the policy-holders from their own funds in the hope that the revenue would relax its stance.

There is a growing recognition in the insurance industry that life companies have underestimated the revenue's determination to deny tax relief on disputed policies.

When the Chancellor announced in last year's budget that life assurance premium relief would disappear, thousands of investors rushed to take out policies. The revenue claims that many contracts were not completed before the midnight deadline and do not therefore qualify for tax relief.

Willis Faber to raise £7m from agency sale

By Alison Eadie

Willis Faver, the Lloyd's broker, has agreed to sell its underwriting managing agency business to the present management for approximately £7 million. The sale represents one of the biggest divestments yet at Lloyds.

All brokers have to sell their underwriting managing agencies by July 1987 in accordance with the Lloyd's Act.

Seven syndicates will be managed by a new company Wellington Underwriting Agencies and an eighth – syndicate 570 – will go to the present underwriter's agency M. G. Cockell & Co. The syndicates have a capacity of more than £200 million.

Mr David Palmer, chairman of Willis, said the stable of syndicates was one of the biggest and unquestionably one of the best performing at Lloyd's. In the recently reported 1982 results, all the Willis syndicates made a net profit.

● Mr Peter Miller, the chairman of Lloyd's in an address given in Houston, Texas, to the Annual Marine Insurance Seminar again attacked the United States legal system, which he said did not give a insurer reasonable treatment.

Europe dole queue may rise to 19m

By Our Economics Correspondent

This year's *Employment Outlook*, published today by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development contains the usual mix of heavy gloom and slight glimmers of hope.

The gloom comes in the forecast of resumption of the upward trend in the jobless total in the industrialized countries, as the decline in US unemployment – which has offset rising European unemployment over the past couple of years – comes to an end.

The dole queues in Europe are set to reach a postwar high of more than 19 million in the second half of next year, the OECD predicts, while unemployment in the OECD member countries as a whole will head up to 31.5 million. To put this in perspective, unemployment levels in 1970 were 5 million in Europe and 10 million for the OECD as a whole.

The *Employment Outlook* also identifies the areas where unemployment is most prevalent. For young people, the unemployment rate, at just 17 per cent on average in the OECD, is twice that for the whole workforce.

The OECD's analysis also shows that only a strong overall recovery in employment is likely to reduce long-term unemployment, particularly among the young.

The glimmers of hope in the report come from the matching of the OECD's policy prescriptions with things that are actually being done. Thus, the sections on employment growth and small firms and labour market flexibility could well have been lifted straight from the Employment Secretary Lord Young's briefcase. The OECD also provides support for Britain's policy of attempting to bring the relative wages of young people more in line with their marginal product.

Doubled profit for Evered

By Patience Wheatcroft

Evered Holdings, the engineering company, which heads a concert party with more than 20 per cent of TI Group, lifted its first-half pretax profits from £1.09 million to £2.5 million. TI makers of Creda cookers and Raleigh cycles, made £12.6 million pretax in the same period.

Yesterday Evered's chairman, Mr Raschid Abdullah, repeated that his company viewed the holding in TI as "a strategic investment". He added that Evered intended to keep its options open: "No decision about the possibility of a takeover has yet been taken."

Evered holds 14.73 per cent of TI, having built up its stake over the summer. It is believed to be in concert with the Saudi Arabian Zahid family.

The interim figures from the ambitious Evered showed sales up from £23 million to £43.65 million, reflecting a full contribution from last year's acquisition of the Midlands engineers Brockhouse. The 1984 figures contain only two months of Brockhouse.

Although Mr Abdullah says that all the original Evered businesses made record profits in the half-year, Brockhouse came under pressure in North America and margins fell from 10.8 per cent to 5.3 per cent.

Tender sale defended

N. M. Rothschild, the merchant bank, yesterday replied to criticism by two rival and perhaps not disinterested banks, of the method chosen to launch St Ives on the stock market.

Rothschild maintains that the minimum tender method of flotation is more suitable than a fixed price offer for sale because there are no directly comparable listed companies.

St Ives is unusual in having both an excellent profits record and good growth prospects. Rothschild sensing therefore, the kind of stag hunt witnessed when Mr Paul Hamlyn floated Octupus, and an inflated premium when dealing begin, also opted for a tender on that account.

The issue, for which application lists open and close on Thurdsay, will attract a considerable response. The minimum tender price for the 2,267,00 shares offered is 290p and the striking price is expected to be as high as 320p.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	9953 (–8.9)
FT All Share	N/A
FT Govt Securities	84.2 (+0.63)
FT-SE 100	1292.1 (–6.6)
Bargains	21,176
Datastream USM	106.32 (–0.31)
New York	
Dow Jones	1311.7 (+14.0)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	N/A
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1535.45 (–14.01)
Amsterdam:	218.8 (–2.7)
Sydney: AO	959.7 (+14.01)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1538.9 (–13.9)
Brussels:	
General	490.34 (–10.06)
Paris: CAC	216.2 (–1.8)
Zurich:	
SKA General	407.30 (–8.9)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $328.10pm–$327.45
close $327.25–327.75 (£228.50–229.00
New York:
Comex (latest) $326.15

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Fergabrook Group	32p +5p
Cont Microwave	393p +50p
Blundell-Permo	103p +13p
Feedex Agricult	33p +3p
Caparo Inds	30.50p +2.50p
Beatson Clark	158p +13p
Clive Discount	40p +3p
Bulmer HP	164p +12p
Falcon Inds	28p +2p
Scantronic	73p +5p
Oceonics Group	62p +4p
Coats Patons	144p +9p
Pressac Holdings	80p +5p
Boustead	66p +4p
Bolton Textile	17p +1p
Amber Day	8.75p +0.50p
Monument Oil & Gas	18p +1p
Parker Knoll 'A'	200p +10p
Speyhawk	273p +13p
Phoenix Timber	90p +4p

FALLS:

HB Eltn Compnt	43p –5p
Bespak	140p –15p
Maxiprint	19p –2p
Cpu Computers	30p –3p
TDS Circuits	168p –15p
Indl Fin & Invs	136p –12p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4255 (+0.0510)
£: DM3.8881(–0.0206)
£: SwFr3.1881(–0.0130)
£: FFr11.8602(–0.0539)
£: Yen329.79(–0.09)
£ Index: 83(+1.1)
New York:
£: $1.4370
$: DM2.7225)
$ Index: 134.5(–5.1)
ECU £0.571350
SDR £0.753895

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅝–11¼%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 10⅞–10⅝
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7⅝%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.92–6.90%
30-Year Bond Price 100½–100½

NEWS IN BRIEF

P&O raises Ocean stake

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company yesterday bought another 3.25 million shares in Ocean Transport and Trading, equal to a 3 per cent stake. This takes P &O's total holding in Ocean to just under 13 per cent. In April, Sir Jeffrey Sterling, P & O chairman, said that it "wide of the mark" to speculate that his company would make a full bid for Ocean. Its stake was then 10 *per cent.*

Sir Jeffrey, who was recently reappointed special adviser on financial and industrial matters to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, explained yesterday that the latest block had been offered in a block "and we accepted".

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Parker Knoll up

Parker Knoll, the furniture maker, lifted profits from £3.20 million to £3.60 million before tax in the year to July 31. Turnover rose from £40.9 million to £43.2 million and the final dividend is 6.5p, against 6p. Tempus, page 17

Menzies rise

Three retailers announced higher profits yesterday. John Menzies increased its result from £3.5 million to £4.2 million before tax in the 26 weeks to June 30, while Combined English Stores lifted its profits from £2.20 million to £3.44 million in the 28 weeks to August 10. For the same period Freemans, the mail order company, reported profits of £11.9 million, against £9.22 million before tax.

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Schroders, the merchant banking group, has been appointed by the Treasury to handle the sale of the Government's remaining 23 per cent stake in Cable and Wireless.

GT Unit Trust

Because of a message processing error our report yesterday on Italian bourse problems suggested that James Capel, the London stockbroker, is managing GT Unit Trust Group. Capel does not.

Crowther bid

We have been asked to point out that John Crowther is proposing to buy Carpets International's United Kingdom subsidiary and that Interface Flooring Systems, which controls 41.3 per cent of Carpets voting equity, has agreed to vote its stake to Crowther, not sell it. Potential rival bidder, Hartlepool-based PMA, is still working on a possible counter-offer.

AGB

The year has begun satisfactorily at AGB Research, the consumer and industrial market research company, Mr Bernard Audley, the chairman, said in his annual review.

Unit trust sales

Unit trust sales continued to forge ahead, with record gross sales for August of £314.3 million.

MAIL ORDER freemans

Interim Consolidated Financial Statement for the 28 weeks ended 10th August, 1985

£000's	28 weeks ended 10th August 1985		28 weeks ended 11th August 1984
Turnover	208,696		176,774
VAT	24,109		20,528
	184,587		156,246
Trading profit	12,659		9,883
Share of profit of related company	548		–
Interest payable	1,345		664
Profit before taxation	11,862		9,219
Taxation	4,843		4,149
Profit after taxation	7,019		5,070
Interim dividend 2.3p per share	1,646	2.0p	1,414
Earnings per share 9.8p		7.2p	

GOOD PROGRESS ALONG GROWTH PATH

★ SALES advance by 18.1%
★ PROFIT BEFORE TAX up 28.7%
– includes share in profit of new joint venture Together Limited
★ PROFIT AFTER TAX UP 38.4%

Freemans PLC 139 Clapham Road London SW9 0HR

INTERIM RESULTS

WALL STREET

	Sept 20	Sept 19
AMF Inc	13¼	13¼
AMR	41⅛	40⅝
Allied Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Allied Stores	33⅝	33⅛
Allis Chalmers	3⅜	3⅜
Alcoa	33⅞	33⅝
Amax Inc	14⅛	14⅛
Amerada Hess	26⅛	25⅝
Am Brands	57⅛	56⅞
Am Broadcast	115	115⅛
Am Can	55	54⅛
Am Cyanamid	50⅞	50⅛
Am Elec Power	20⅞	20⅞
Am Express	41⅞	40⅝
Am Home	58	58⅛
Am Hospital	48⅞	47
Am Motors	3	3
Am Standard	27	28⅛
Am Telephone	21⅛	20⅞
Amoco	63⅞	64
Amoco Steel	9	9
Asarco	20⅝	21⅛
Ashland Oil	33⅝	33⅛
Atlntic Richfield	58	58⅝
Avon Products	23⅝	23⅞
Bankers Tst NY	61⅞	62⅛
Bankamerica	13⅝	14⅛
Bank of Boston	45⅞	44⅝
Bank of NY	39⅛	39⅞
Beatrice Foods	33⅛	33
Bethlehem Steel	15⅛	15⅝
Boeing	44⅞	45⅛
Bowa Cascade	43⅝	43¼
Borden	35⅞	37⅛
Borg Warner	20⅞	20⅝
Bristol Myers	56⅛	56⅞
BP	28⅜	28⅝
Burlington Ind	27⅛	27⅛
Burlington Nthn	61⅛	60⅝
Burroughs	65⅛	65
Campbell Soup	35⅝	37⅛
Canadian Pacific	12⅝	12⅛
Caterpillar	34⅛	34½
Celanese	118½	114⅞
Central SW	24	23⅞
Champion	21½	21½
Chase Manhat	51½	52⅛
Chem Bank NY	36⅝	36⅝
Chemlron	35¼	36⅛
Chrysler	28⅛	28⅝
Citicorp	41⅛	41⅞
Clark Equip	31⅛	31⅛
Coca Cola	67⅞	68⅛
Colgate	26	26
CBS	112⅞	112⅞
Columbia Gas	33⅛	33½
Combustion Eng	25⅞	25
Comwlth Edison	29½	29⅞
Cons Edison	33¼	33⅜
Cons Nat Gas	39⅛	40⅛
Cons Power	7⅜	7⅝
Control Data	18⅛	18⅞
Corning Glass	46⅝	48⅛
CPC Intl	43⅛	43⅞
Crane	36	36
Crown Zeller	37	37⅛
Dart & Kraft	34⅝	35⅛
Deere	29¼	28⅛
Delta Air	42¾	43
Detroit Edison	14⅞	15⅛
Digital Equip	108⅞	109⅝
Disney	85⅞	85⅝
Dow Chemical	35	35⅛
Dresser Ind	19⅛	19⅝
Duke Power	31⅛	31⅛
Du Pont	56⅞	56⅝
Eastern Air	9¼	9¼
Eastman Kodak	43⅝	44⅛
Eaton Corp	52⅜	52⅞
Emerson Elect	69⅛	69⅝
Evans Prod	1⅜	1⅜

	Sept 20	Sept 19
Exxon Corp	45⅝	50⅛
Fed Dept Stores	55⅞	55⅝
Firestone	18⅞	18⅛
Fst Chicago	21⅝	21½
Fst Intrst Bncp	46⅛	46⅛
Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	6⅛
Ford	43	45⅞
GAF Corp	35⅛	35⅞
GTE Corp	39⅛	39⅝
Gen Corp	44⅛	44⅝
Gen Dynamics	71	71
Gen Electric	58⅛	58⅞
Gen Foods	60⅝	60⅝
Gen Mills	57⅛	56
Gen Motors	67⅛	68⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	13⅜	13⅞
Genesco	3⅝	3⅝
Georgia Pacific	22	22
Gillette	59⅛	59⅞
Goodrich	31	31
Goodyear	27⅞	27⅞
Gould Inc	27⅛	28⅛
Grace	40⅞	41⅛
Gt Attic & Pacific	16⅛	18⅛
Greyhound	27⅞	27⅞
Grumman Corp	33⅞	35⅞
Gulf & West	41⅝	40⅝
Heinz H. J.	55⅞	57
Hercules	35	34⅝
Hewlett-Pkrd	32⅝	33⅝
Honeywell	64	64⅞
IC Inds	32⅛	32⅛
Ingersoll	50⅞	51
Inland Steel	23⅝	23⅞
IBM	126⅝	125⅝
Int Harvester	7⅛	7⅛
INCO	13⅛	13⅛
Int Paper	47⅝	48⅛
Int Tel Tel	32⅞	32⅞
Irving Bank	34⅛	34⅝
Jim Walter	34	34
Johnson & John	44⅛	45⅞
Kaiser Alumin	17⅞	18
Kerr McGee	29⅛	29⅝
Kimberly Clark	60⅛	60⅛
K Mart	32⅛	32⅞
Kroger	44	43⅞
L.T.V. Corp	6⅝	6⅝
Litton	78	78⅛
Lockheed	48⅝	48⅛
Lucky Stores	23⅛	23⅛
Manuf Hanover	34⅝	34⅝
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅞
Mapco	36	35⅞
Marine Midland	32⅛	31⅛
Martin Marietta	34	33⅞
Masco	31⅜	31⅛
McDonnell	73⅛	72⅝
Mead	40⅛	39⅞
Merck	108	108⅝
Minnesota Mng	74⅝	75⅛
Mobil Oil	33⅞	34⅛
Monsanto	45⅞	46⅛
Morgan J. P.	44⅛	45⅛
Motorola	34⅝	34⅛
NCR Corp	31⅝	32⅛
NL Industries	11⅛	11⅛
Nat Distillers	32	32⅛
Nat Med Ent	23⅝	23⅞
Norfolk South	57⅞	57
NW Bancorp	24	24
Occidental Pet	29⅛	30⅜
Ogden	29⅝	29⅞
Olin Corp	31⅛	30⅝
Owens-Illinois	45⅛	46⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	18	18
Pan Am	7⅛	7⅛
Penney J. C.	48⅝	48⅛
Pennzoil	46	46⅛
Pepsico	59	58⅛
Pfizer	45⅞	45

	Sept 20	Sept 19
Phelps Dodge	18⅛	18⅛
Philip Morris	76⅛	77
Phillips Petrol	11⅝	11⅝
Polaroid	31⅛	31⅛
PPG Ind	43⅛	43⅞
Procter Gamble	57⅛	57⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28½
Raytheon	49⅝	50⅝
RCA Corp	42⅛	43
Reynolds Ind	25⅞	26⅛
Reynolds Metal	33⅜	34⅛
Rockwell Int	37	37⅞
Royal Dutch	89⅛	89⅛
Safeways	30⅞	30⅝
Sara Lee	41⅛	41⅝
SFE Bopac	31⅝	32⅝
SCM	72⅝	72⅝
Schlumberger	33⅞	34⅛
Scott Paper	42⅝	42⅝
Seagram	39	39⅞
Sears Roebuck	33⅜	34⅛
Shell Trans	38	37⅞
Signal Co	42⅛	42⅛
Singer	34⅛	34⅝
Smithkline Beck	63⅞	64⅝
Sony	15⅛	14⅞
Std Oil Edison	24	24⅝
Sterry Corp	48⅝	48⅝
Std Oil Ohio	43⅞	43⅝
Sterling Drug	31	30⅛
Stevens J. P.	25⅞	25
Stone & Webster	29⅝	29⅝
Sun Comp	49⅛	50⅛
Teledyne	228⅝	229⅝
Tenneco	37⅝	38⅛
Texaco	35⅛	35⅛
Texas East Corp	32⅛	32⅛
Texas Inst	9⅛	9⅝
Texas Utilities	28⅝	28⅞
Textron	47⅞	48
Travelers Corp	46⅛	46⅛
TRW Inc	79	76⅞
UAL Inc	48⅛	50⅝
Union Carbide	52⅞	53⅛
Unocal	27⅞	27⅞
Un Pacific Corp	45⅞	46⅛
Uniroyal	21⅛	21⅛
United Brands	21	21
US Steel	30⅛	30
Utd Technol	37⅞	37⅝
Wachovia	30⅞	31⅛
Warner Lambert	37⅛	38
Wells Fargo	52⅝	52⅞
Westinghse Elec	38	38⅛
Weyerhauser	28⅞	28⅞
Whirlpool	45⅞	46
Woolworth	48	48⅛
Xerox Corp	51⅛	51⅛
Zenith	17	16⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Alcan Alumin	35	35⅛
Algoma Steel	18⅜	18⅜
Bell Telephone	41½	41½
Can Pacific	17	16⅞
Cominco	12⅝	12⅞
Cons Bathurst	18⅛	18⅛
Gulf Oil	19⅛	19⅛
Hawker/Std Can	19⅜	19⅛
Hudson Bay Min	6⅛	6⅛
Imasco	24½	23⅞
Imperial Oil	48⅛	48½
Int Pipe	43	42⅝
Massey-Fergsn	3.15	3.20
Royal Trustco	20⅛	20⅛
Seagram	53⅞	54⅝
Steel Co	20⅛	20⅛
Thomson N 'A'	20½	19⅝
Walker Hiram	31½	31⅝
WCT	15⅞	16

● Ex div a Asked e Ex distribution. h Bid, k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Prices up in active trade

New York (Reuter) - The market headed sharply higher in the early going yesterday in acitive trading on the New York Stock exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.89 to 1,311.83 at one stage.

Advancing issues led declining stocks 991-285 among the 1,671 issues traded at one point.

The first-hour volume amounted to about 36.28 million shares against 24.22 million in the same period on Friday.

News that the US and the other members of Group of Five nations - West Germany, France, Britain and Japan - had agreed on coordinated efforts to lower the foreign exchange value of the dollar fuelled the rise, according to Mr Jon Groveman, head of equity trading at Landenburg, Thalmann and Co.

After the declines of recent weeks, the market was primed to respond to a favourable piece of news, analysts said.

On the trading floor, Peabody International Corp was the most active nyse-listed issue, up 1-4 to 10 3-4.

Nynex was up 1-2 to 82 3-8 and Delta Airlines rose 3-4 to 43 1-2.

Amoung blue chips, AT and T was up 1-8 to 21 5-8, General Motors 5-8 to 68 1-8 and General Electric 5-8 to 59 1-2.

Ford gained 3-4 to 43 3-4.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	89.40	89.58	89.38	89.46	3044
Mar 86	89.80	89.84	89.74	89.74	307
Jun 86	89.74	89.80	89.74	89.72	111
Sep 86	89.75	89.75	89.75	89.74	59
Dec 86	89.78	89.78	89.78	89.77	1
Previous day's total open interest 5637					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.84	91.76	91.84	91.87	7926
Mar 86	91.34	91.42	91.32	91.32	755
Jun 86	91.01	91.06	90.97	90.96	276
Sep 86	90.76	90.76	90.67	90.62	92
Dec 86	NT			90.32	0
Previous day's total open interest 17958					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	75-21	76-06	75-09	75-11	5725
Mar 86	NT			74-11	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 2674					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	98-28	98-36	98-23	98-29	1354
Mar 86	NT			98-45	0
Previous day's total open interest 1161					
Long Gilt					
Sep 85	113-00	113.00	113.00	112-29	8
Dec 85	113-06	113-10	112-28	112-31	3522
Mar 86	113-00	113-00	113-00	112-31	11
Previous day's total open interest 3901					
FT-SE 100					
Sep 85	128.85	129.35	128.85	129.30	420
Dec 85	129.80	130.20	129.75	130.00	245
Previous day's total open interest 1758					

COMMODITIES

The Sri Lanka food department will buy 50,000 tones of Australia hard wheat from Emirates Trading Agency of Dubai at $142.75 per tonne, a department spokesman said.

India has stopped buying crude oil from Iran because Iran has not fulfilled a commitment to buy Indian engineering products, tea, rice and other commodities as agreed under a bilateral trade agreement, a senior government official said in New Delhi.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.

G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER

Oct	590
Nov	590
Dec	600
Jan	Unquoted
Feb	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
Apr	Unquoted
May	Unquoted
Jun	Unquoted
Oct/Dec	590
Jan/Mar	Unquoted
Apr/Jun	Unquoted
Vol	Nil

SUGAR (Raw)

Oct	144.5–43.4
Dec	147.0–48.4
Mar	156.4–56.2
May	160.8–60.4
Aug	167.4–67.0
Oct	172.4–72.0
Dec	Unquoted
Vol	1248

SUGAR (White)

Dec	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
May	Unquoted
Aug	Unquoted
Oct	Unquoted
Dec	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
Vol	Nil

COCOA

Sep	1750–46
Dec	1811–06
Mar	1807–05
May	1822–20
Jul	1826–25
Sep	1831–29
Dec	1824–22
Vol	267/3927

COFFEE

Sep	1583–80
Nov	1597–95
Jan	1622–18
Mar	1660–1655
May	1695–90
Jul	1724–20
Sep	1780–1750
Vol	478/2990

SOYABEAN

Oct	125.0–23.0
Dec	124.5–24.0
Feb	127.2–26.8
Apr	127.5–27.5
Jun	127.5–27.5
Aug	129.0–28.0
Oct	131.0–28.0
Vol	300

GAS OIL

Oct	251.00–50.75
Nov	247.75–47.50
Dec	244.75–44.50
Jan	242.75–42.50
Feb	238.50–38.00
Mar	232.00–29.50
Apr	224.00–23.50
May	224.00–13.00
Jun	226.00–05.00
Vol	2368

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices

Official turnover figures

Prices in £ per metric tonne

Silver in pence per troy ounce

Radolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	943.00-944.00
Three months	968.00-969.00
Tone	14400
Vol	Easy

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	925.00-926.00
Three months	950.00-953.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	474.00-475.00
Three months	255
Tone	Quiet

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	8920-8925
Three months	8975-8980
Vol	5
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	284.00-285.00
Three months	292.00-293.00
Vol	5300
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	474.00-475.00
Vol	25
Tone	Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	478.00-479.00
Three months	493.00-494.00
Vol	300
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	430.0-431.0
Three months	442.0-443.0
Vol	18
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	430.0-431.0
Three months	442.0-443.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	695.00-696.00
Three months	707.00-707.50
Vol	8350
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	3125-3130
Three months	3185-3205
Vol	732
Tone	Irregular

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Live Pig Contract

£ per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	110.0	110.0
Nov	104.0	104.0
Jan	96.0	96.0
Feb	97.0	97.0
Mar	100.0	100.0
Apr	100.0	100.0
May	100.0	100.0
Jun	95.0	95.0
Jul	95.0	95.0
Aug	99.0	99.0
Sep	unquoted	unquoted
		Vol: 0

Pig meat £ per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	115.5	115.0
Nov	116.0	116.1
Dec	103.0	103.0
Feb	103.5	103.8
Apr	101.7	101.5
Jun	100.6	100.5
		Vol: 119

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	52.00	50.90
Feb	62.50	68.00
Apr	80.00	79.10
May	96.00	94.90
		Vol: 909

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX

G.N.L. Freight Futures Ltd report

$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Oct 85	888.0-880.0	888.0
Jan 86	931.5-915.0	927.5
Apr 86	980.0-975.0	982.5
Jul 86	885.0-885.0	885.0
Oct 86	—	970.0
Jan 87	—	1000.0
Apr 87	—	1030.0
Jul 87	—	967.5

Spot: 820.5
Vol: 353.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 24

GB: Cattle, 93.86p per kg lw (-0.42).
GB: Sheep, 144.98p per kg est d c w (-4.31).
GB: Pigs, 81.64p per kg lw (-0.99).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 18.1 per cent; ave. price, 94.35p (–0.33).
Sheep nos. down 11.4 per cent, ave. price, 148.26p (–4.20).
Pig nos. down 3.9 per cent, ave. price, 81.63p (–1.00).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 9.2 per cent, ave. price, 92.54p (–1.09).
Sheep nos. down 8.4 per cent, ave. price, 139.27p (–4.70).
Pig nos. up 44.2 per cent, ave. price, 82.25p (–0.09).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£105.75	£105.15
Jan	£109.00	£108.55
Mar	£112.00	£111.85
May	£115.05	£114.30
Jly	£117.70	–
Volume:		
Wheat		354
Barley		173

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar suffered widespread and heavy losses after agreement on measures to reduce its value.

Sterling soared more than seven cents in nervous and thin early trading to reach $1.4475 at one time, its highest level against the dollar for 18 months.

Light profit-taking finally left the pound with a gain of 5.10 cents at $1.4255.

The pound also opened with a show of strength on the Continent, but some profit-taking on the back of lower British money market interest rates saw it finish easier.

Marks, for example, firmed from DM3.9037 to DM3.8881, having been some 2-pfennigs cheaper initially.

Marks were finally up from DM2.8425 to DM2.7235 in terms of the dollar.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 23	Market rates close September 23	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4090-1.4450	$1.4240-1.4270	0.37-0.35c prem	1.01-0.97c prem
Montreal	$1.9486-1.9763	$1.9486-1.9542	0.43-0.38c prem	1.19-1.08c prem
Amsterdam	4.3594-4.4227fl	4.3648-4.3658fl	2¼-1⅝c prem	6⅝-5⅞c prem
Brussels	78.62-79.67fr	78.62-78.93fr	19-13c prem	48-37c prem
Copenhagen	14.0627-14.2752kr	14.0685-14.1451kr	2¾-1½ore prem	7⅛-6⅛ore prem
Dublin	1.2518-1.2828p	1.2547-1.2557p	2⅝-2⅜p prem	6⅝-6⅜p prem
Frankfurt	3.8815-3.9354dm	3.8819-3.8943dm	2¼-2⅛pf prem	6¾-6⅝pf prem
Lisbon	236.55-243.15re	236.55-239.90re	75-445re disc	436-1460re disc
Madrid	233.84-236.38p	233.84-235.05p	5-45p disc	80-200p disc
Milan	2520.16-2557.36lir	2520.16-2532.82lir	1-9lir disc	10-15lir disc
Oslo	11.5069-11.6954kr	11.5069-11.5454kr	1½-1⅜ore disc	3½-3⅛ore disc
Paris	11.8334-11.9769fr	11.8334-11.8868fr	1⅝-1⅜c prem	4¼-3⅝c prem
Stockholm	11.6102-11.7830kr	11.6102-11.6466kr	1⅜-1⅛ore prem	4-3⅝ore prem
Tokyo	322.25-330.35y	325.23-330.35y	1⅝-1⅜y prem	4⅝-3⅞y prem
Vienna	27.22-27.82sch	27.32-27.32sch	1⅝-1⅜gro prem	4⅝-3⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.1665-3.2339f	3.1829-3.1936f	1½-1¼c prem	4⅜-3⅝c prem

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was down 1.1 at 83.1 (day's range 83.1-83.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	114.80-115.11
Australia dollar	2.0185-2.0343
Bahrain dinar	0.5360-0.5420
Brazil cruzeiro*	10920.00-10993.00
Cyprus pound	0.6076-0.6175
Finland marka	8.2965-8.3265
Greece drachma	188.65-191.65
Hong Kong dollar	11.0670-11.0980
India rupee	18.66-18.95
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4275-0.4335
Malaysia dollar	3.4758-3.4980
Mexico peso	511.25-541.25
New Zealand dollar	2.6134-2.6557
Saudi Arabia ryal	5.1910-5.2510
Singapore dollar	3.0509-3.0695
South Africa rand	3.5547-3.6048
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2220-5.2620

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1380-1.1400
Singapore	2.1350-2.1450
Malaysia	2.4350-2.4450
Australia	0.7062-0.7072
Canada	1.3600-1.3640
Sweden	8.1400-8.1500
Norway	8.0600-8.0700
Denmark	9.8700-9.8800
West Germany	2.7210-2.7260
Switzerland	2.2375-2.2425
Netherlands	3.0675-3.0775
France	8.3000-8.3150
Japan	231.50-231.80
Italy	1845.0-1849.0
Belgium(Comm)	55.20-55.40
Hong Kong	7.7450-7.7550
Portugal	165.0-170.0
Spain	163.25-164.00
Austria	19.10-19.20

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The first hour was hectic, rates in the periods falling sharply as sterling climbed steeply following the Group of Five meeting.

There is now general confidence that a half point cut in base rates must be on the cards before the Conservative Party conference.

After the first hour, however, the market became quieter.

Money held 12¼ – 12 per cent for much of the session, hitting 15 per cent shortly before the close and ending at 14 per cent bid without the offer.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 12 Low 11½
Weak Bank: 11⅝-11½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅛	2 months 11
3 months 10⅝	3 months 10⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month 11⅝-11⅜	2 months 11⅝-11⅜
3 months 10⅞-10⅝	6 months 10⅝-10⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month 11⅝	2 months 11⅜
3 months 11⅛	6 months 11

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12-11½ close 14

1 week 11⅞-11⅝	6 months 11⅛-11
1 month 11⅝-11⅜	9 months 11-10⅞
3 months 11⅜-11⅛	12 months 11-10⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11½	7 days	11½
1 month	11⅜	3 months	11⅜
6 months	11	12 months	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12⅛-12	2 months	11⅞-11½
3 months	11⅞-11⅝	6 months	11⅝-11⅜
9 months	11⅜-11⅛	12 months	11⅛-11

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	11⅛-11⅜	3 months	11⅛-11⅛
6 months	10⅞-10⅝	12 months	10⅝-10⅜

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	7.90-7.80	3 months	8.00-7.90
6 months	8.10-8.00	12 months	8.40-8.30

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	8-7	
7 days	8-7⅞	1 month	8-7⅞
3 months	8⅛-8	6 months	8⅜-8⅛
Deutschmark	call	4⅝-3⅝	
7 days	4¼-4⅛	1 month	4⅜-4¼
3 months	4⅜-4⅛	6 months	4⅝-4⅜
French Franc	call	10-9	
7 days	9⅞-9⅝	1 month	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⅝
3 months	10¼-10	6 months	10⅜-10⅛
Swiss Franc	call	2¼-1½	
7 days	11-10⅞	1 month	4⅝-4½
3 months	4⅝-4½	6 months	4¾-4⅝
Yen	call	6¼-5⅞	
7 days	7-6⅞	1 month	6⅝-6½
3 months	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6⅞-6¾

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $331.00-332.50 (£231.00-232.25)
Sovereigns* (new): 578.25-79.25 (£54.50-55.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The first hour was hectic, rates in the periods falling sharply as sterling climbed steeply following the Group of Five meeting

There is now general confidence that a half point cut in base rates must be on the cards before the Conservative Party conference

After the first hour, however, the market became quieter.

Money held 12¼ – 12 per cent for much of the session, hitting 15 per cent shortly before the close and ending at 14 per cent bid without the offer.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 12 Low 11½
Weak Bank: 11⅝-11½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅛	2 months 11
3 months 10⅝	3 months 10⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month 11⅝-11⅜	2 months 11⅝-11⅜
3 months 10⅞-10⅝	6 months 10⅝-10⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month 11⅝	2 months 11⅜
3 months 11⅛	6 months 11

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12-11½ close 14

1 week 11⅞-11⅝	6 months 11⅛-11
1 month 11⅝-11⅜	9 months 11-10⅞
3 months 11⅜-11⅛	12 months 11-10⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11½	7 days	11½
1 month	11⅜	3 months	11⅜
6 months	11	12 months	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12⅛-12	2 months	11⅞-11½
3 months	11⅞-11⅝	6 months	11⅝-11⅜
9 months	11⅜-11⅛	12 months	11⅛-11

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
101	87	Allen	98	-1	2.6	2.5
688	580	Alliance	615	-10	20.1e	4.2
288	240	Alliance Trust	282		8.2	4.2
268	245	Anglo American Sec	263		8.1	3.7
145	133	Ashdown	137		4.2p	3.5
138	88	Atlantic Assets	107	-1	4.1	5.3
162	88

TEMPUS

Freemans steals the glory from stores

The consumer does not seem to worry for whom the cash register tolls these days. The results from three very different members of the stores sectors yesterday showed that spending is moving almost indiscriminately upwards.

Combined English Stores, John Menzies and Freemans all had just reason to be pleased with their half-year figures. Ironically, considering the focus of attention of the ever-changing and increasingly competitive high street, it was the mail order business of Freemans which stole the show.

Pretax profits of £11.9 million, up from £9.2 million had the best reception from the City with its shares marked up 10p to 280p. The strong sales improvement seen towards the end of the second half of last year continued and the company has had an excellent and profitable response to its new specialist catalogue. CES, perhaps had the most cause to be miffed at the less-than-enthusiastic response to pretax profits of £3.4 million up from £2.2 million which were at the top end of expectations. The impressive figures look even better when property profits are stripped out to reveal growth of 131 per cent. This is mainly a reflection of an excellent performance from the Salisburys handbag chain although all the main divisions did well.

The main problem, unjustly, for CES is one of credibility. Long memories in the City can still recall the disasters of three or four years ago and despite the recent sustained growth are perhaps a little wary of CES's talk of acquisition. It has the balance sheet strength to move onto the acquisition trail, probably in footwear retailing.

However, there is a slight worry that the company might take advantage of its slow re-rating to use paper to finance takeovers which may not be appreciated by the market in the short term. The shares closed up 1p at 163p but still look reasonable value.

There are no high street credibility problems for John Menzies. If anything the group is so sound that it is bordering on the dull. Yet still it manages to coax profits growth out of operations which are widely regarded as mature. It held margins on the retailing side, despite a crash in micro-computer sales, and the wholesale business ticked along in its normal fashion aided by a relatively dispute-free first half from the publishing industry.

Pretax profits rose from £3.5 million to £4.2 million. The interest charge fell by £400,000 but this was offset by the absence of profits from the Lonsdale Technical Group which has been sold and also by a small loss from the recently acquired Early Learning chain which was in for two months.

It is Early Learning which offers the group the most exciting opportunities for growth. Menzies intends to expand the chain at the rate of one store a week to take the chain up to 150 stores in a year. The overall retailing experience linked with Early Learning's existing specialist management should ensure that the earnings potential is realized. The shares closed up 3p at 306p.

Although both Menzies and CES have their attractions if you had to pick one of the three then Freemans looks the best value.

Johnson & Firth Brown

Johnson & Firth Brown disappointed its followers yesterday, more by what it did not say than by what it did.

The market had been hoping that JFB would somehow be able to extricate itself from its joint venture with British Steel, Sheffield Forgemasters, which has probably lost more than £35 million in the past three year. There was no news on this front.

Instead the company simply confirmed that it would not be paying a dividend on the preference shares. This knocked the ordinary shares by ½p to 21p.

JFB seems to be taking fairly drastic action to deal with its borrowings. It recently announced it was negotiating to sell Cannon-Muskegon, a US company, with good growth prospects.

The outlook elsewhere is clouded by the performance of Forgemasters which now looks unlikely to meet the breakeven target before interest in the current year.

Though further damage to shareholders' funds should be offset by the likely profit on the sale of the American company, yesterday's announceent does little to make the shares more attractive.

Parker Knoll

Parker Knoll is trying to change its image. It no longer wants to be associated with old fashioned, long lasting, high backed chairs. Designer textiles are now the name of the game.

The company hopes to boost its rating as this change becomes more widely appreciated. Its shares now trade on only seven times earnings against more than twice that for companies like Osborne & Little, a fashionable wallpaper and furnishing fabric producer.

Presumably the gap would have narrowed if Parker Knoll had been successful in its bid for Sanderson, the former subsidiary of Reed International, sold recently for about £10 million.

Without it, the company has nevertheless made large strides forward. The textiles division nearly doubled profits to £2.2 million last year, contributing to a 13 per cent increase to £3.6 million pretax for the group.

Profits from the furniture side were slightly lower, reflecting the costs of introducing a new range of chairs for the disabled. The company says underlying sales are bouyant, helped by the move in consumer spending away from videos to other household items. It is not, however, participating in the fast rise of multiple retailing such as Harris Queensway and MFI, partly because the company fears a squeeze on margins.

Other areas put up a mixed performance with the cabinet maker reporting worse losses which the company hopes to eliminate in time.

The overall tone of yesterday's statement was confident and the company dismisses suggestions that a sharp slowdown in the second half points to slower growth this year. It says the first half, when profits grew by 30 per cent, benefited from some exceptional factors.

The stock market would be more impressed if Parker Knoll could back its claims to steady growth prospects and a new image by acquiring a new textile business, preferably one that is well known.

Cashmere price likely to rise 30%

By Pam Spooner

Buy your cashmere clothes now – that is the message from the clothing business. The Chinese, who supply most of the world's fibre, have woken up to the fact that rich Westerners favour the wool and they are putting steady upward pressure on the price.

Cashmere rose by almost 20 per cent in terms of British finished products between spring 1984 and spring this year and a further jump of nearer 30 per cent is predicted for next year.

Not all the blame rests with the Chinese. Currency movements have also played their part.

For those who like cashmere on their feet, Pantherella, the sock maker whose shares are listed on the USM, gives warning that its products are likely to move from £16 a pair to £20. Not that Pantherella customers are likely to worry – they are cheerfully buying socks at £16 even though a year ago the price was just £12.

The results of Pantherella's success in selling ritzy socks were apparent in yesterday's half-year figures. Pretax profits rose from £232,000 to £315,000 on sales 30 per cent higher at £2.08 million. Earnings per share rose from 3.4p to 4.6p and the dividend moves from 1.3p to 1.5p.

Mr Michael Oddy, the managing director, is looking forward to similar steady growth in the rest of the year. The company sells more of its products in the second half as the big name stores, including Harrods and Austin Reed stock up for Christmas.

Panterella shares rose 5p to 130p on the news. The company came to the USM 16 months ago with a placing price of 80p.

Gabicci, another USM clothing company, reported profits yesterday and its share price responed well. The fashion-oriented menswear suppliers revealed full-year profits of £736,000, against £553,000 last year, on sales more than £1 million higher at £6.11 million.

Total dividends, at 2.8p net, are in line with the forecast made last November when the company came to market.

The main news from Mr Jack Solier, the chairman, is Gabicci's push into the young man's high-fashion business with the launch of Coconut Club. The offshoot will be led by Mr Bernard Segal, a well-known designer for that end of the clothing market.

Gabicci shares rose 3p to 89p.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Group of Five strategy sends index tumbling below 1,000

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

For the first time for nearly a month, the FT 30-share index closed below the 1,000-point mark yesterday as the stock market wrestled with the implications of the weekend summit called to dampen the dollar's exuberance.

There was a hint of panic in early trading with dealers unsettled by the sudden upsurge in the pound's value on the foreign exchange market. At one time, the FT 30-share index was down 10.2 points at 992 and the more broadly based FT SE share index was 12.6 points lower.

But, by the close, the market had staged a modest, but impressive, rally and the FT 30 index had cut its decline to 995.3 points (down 6.9 points) and the FT SE index was 6.6 points lower at 1,292.1.

Do not be too optimistic about year's profits of the Bass brewing group. That is the message from Mr Roddy McKelvie and Mr Peter Hilliar of Fielding, Newson-Smith, the broker. Against some expectations of £265 million, they suggest that £247.5 million is more realistic. The shares were 574p yesterday. Sell at 590p and buy at 540p or below, the brokers say.

Companies with extensive overseas earnings were clear casualties of the confusion. Most did, however, clamber off their low points for the day.

One influence which helped the recovery was expectations that interests rates will fall shortly – whatever the immediate Whitchall line – on the back of the strong pound.

Banks were particularly weak, with worries developing again about overseas debts.

Government stocks scored gains of up to £1 on interest rate expectations. Best levels were not, however, held. The Treasury has created two "tapiets" of £500 million.

Coates Paton, the textile group which last week produced unimpressive figures, was one share to shrug off the gloom. Although the company is a big exporter and should have joined in the dismal retreat, the shares gained 9p to 144p on suggestions that a predator lurked.

Imperial Group gained 1p to 194p. Mr Chris Alexander at L. Messel & Co, the broker, has trimmed his current year forecast by £4 million to £225 million. Last year Imps, the subject of much takeover speculation, produced £220.6 million.

The Alexander reduction is entirely due to the performance of Imps' troublesome American offshoot, Howard Johnson. Originally the analyst had expected Ho-Jo to produce up to £10 million. Now he is looking for no more than £2 million at best.

Against earlier expectations of profits of £2.5 million, it looks as though Aidcom International, the market research group, will make £2 million profits in the current year and £1.6 million over 14 months. Yesterday's interim profits of £655,000 (against £601,000) disappointed, and shares fell 2p to 77p, the lowest this year.

Mr Alexander believes that without the Ho-Jo drag Imps could hit £280 million.

He says: "Whilst the City is mesmerised by Ho-Jo's problems and condition, strengths of basic business is overlooked". Imps' break-up value, he believes, is 35 per cent ahead of the share price.

TI Group shares dropped 11p to 393p when no news emerged on the bid front. Evered Holdings, which speaks for 20 per cent of TI shares and is leading an apparent consortium challenge for the engineering group, failed market expectations and did not make any announcement about the situation yesterday: and the TI price lost much of the ground made at the end of last week.

Evered, which produced profit figures a touch below best expectations, dipped 2p to 238p.

British Aerospace continued its upward flight path, the shares rising 10p to 415p. As suggested in *The Times* last week, Airbus Industrie – in which BAe is a partner – has won a multi-million pound order from the Indian airline, and is also in the running to make a massive £7,000 million sale of aircraft and equipment to Russia.

Leading broking firms are pointing out the relative cheapness of BAe shares. The current p/e is still around half the market average, while prospects are excellent and all the Government's stake in the group has been sold off.

Lucas Industries appeared to benefit from the good news for BAe, its share price rising 10p at 383p. A decision on the Rockwell/Lucas pitch for military business in the US is hourly expected, and success there would also help the British engineer.

F H Tomkins shares dipped 8p to 240p as it announced its intention to buy **Office Electronic Machines** for 250p a share. OEM shares rose 5p to 250p on the news.

Tomkins has long been rumoured to be looking for a major acquisition, though purchase of a private company was widely expected. The deal will only go through if Tomkins gets confirmation that it can keep OEM's biggest contract, the distribution and after-sales service for Triumph-Adler office equipment in Britain.

Rank Organisation, also in the office machines business, rose 7p to 420p, still on recommendations from broking firms.

On the drugs lists, **Bespak**, which last week upset the market with a trading statement, fell again. The shares dropped another 15p to 140p.

Among clothing businesses, **Helene of London** edged ½p better to 23p on its acquisition news. The company has bought Peter Barron (Models) through the issue of 3 million shares.

It looks like a good deal for Helene, since Peter Barron make profits of £219,000 in the year to June and has assets of £670,000. Directors of Peter Barron have signed a five-year service contract and are in line for a further cash payment if profits exceed specified levels over that period.

Ocean Transport & Trading shares lifted another 5p to 190p as P & O Group finally revealed an addition to its holding. P & O now has another 2.85 per cent of OTT, taking the stake to 12.85 per cent.

Though P &O has consistently denied any intention of making a full bid for OTT, Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman at P & O, has always said more share purchases were likely. Further tie-ups in the operations of the two shipping groups are also on the cards.

Prices on the oils pitches were mixed as the market waited for more developments in the Middle East and on the foreign exchange markets. Iran has again threatened to close the Straits of Hormuz, effectively halting export of fuel from the Middle East, though many doubt its ability to do so.

Shars in Blundell-Permoglaze Holdings shot up 13p to 103p as the market decided last week's poor profits news leaves the paint company vulnerable to a bid. City men who sold Blundell shares a week ago were also covering their positions, and, alongside the bid talk, jobbers quickly marked the price up.

Allebone & Sons, the shoe group, ws unchanged at 54p. Channel Hotels and Properties, which is controlled by Mr David Kirch, the property man, has acquired 5 per cent of the shares.

Belhaven Brewery Group slipped 1p to 47p as it emerged as the favourite to buy George Bateman & Sons, the Wainsfleet, Lincolnshire, brewery.

Acquisitive Belhaven recently acquired an 8.5 per cent shareholding in Buckley's Brewery of Llanelli, Wales.

There was selective activity among stores shares as brokers gave clients the benefit of their advice. Wood Mackenzie put a "buy" tag on **Great Universal Stores** and the GUS "A" shares rose 15p to 799p, while the ordinary went 10p better to 873p.

British Home Stores was reckoned to be the selection of Scrimgeour-Vickers, and the BHS price was 8p better at 295p. BHS has also been fancied in recent months as a possible takeover target, though real action in the shares has yet to be seen.

Burton Group was still rising on shortage of stock among the jobbers. The price gained 7p to 525p yesterday. **Bentalls**, the department store group, jumped 10p to 112p, encouraged again by takeover hopes.

● Currency options provided most of the action on traded options pitches yesterday alongside the gyrations on the foreign exchanges. The dollar mark option hit a record, with 1,712 contracts traded in a day. The dollar/sterling option was also in demand, and 1,582 of those were traded. Prices of the latter call options were up by around 6 points.

Total business for the day reached just 8,360, and the stock exchange index contracts were relatively popular, some 823 contracts changing hands. BAe also came in for some attention, and 582 of those were traded.

Commercial Union saw 472 contracts traded. BAe call options, particularly in the November and February series, gained around 10p.

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Michael Peters expands

By Alison Eadie

Michael Peters, the fast-growing design consultancy, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, is adding another string to its bow with the launch yesterday of a financial communications company.

The company's services will include advertising, press and public relations, design, marketing, investor relations and employee communications.

It is based in the City and hopes to steal a march on its competitors by providing financial expertise as well as strong creativity. Mr David Haggie, the managing director, is a chartered accountant and Mr Tim Ward, also part of the team, was with Price Waterhouse and then on a two-year secondment with the Stock Exchange's quotations department.

Michael Peters has also recruited Mr Alex Glover, an advertising account executive from Valin Pollen.

Michael Peters also announced annual figures to the end of June 1985, which showed pretax profits up by 64 per cent to £885,000 on turnover 112 per cent higher at £6.2 million.

Cockade, the exhibitions designer bought by Peters last November contributed £150,000 taxable profit on turnover of £1.3 million in the seven months. It had an exceptionally good year helped by the high number of biennial exhibitions.

After the separation in July of retail design into a new company, Michael Peters Retail, and the announcement this month of the launch of a market research company, Diagnosics Market Research, Michael Peters now has nine separate companies within the group.

Trade department in fight to control export loan funds

By John Lawless

The Department of Trade and Industry and the Overseas Development Administration are fighting for control of the funds Britain will use to back its exporters with soft loans.

Industry is backing the DTI. Leading contractors complain that the ODA's detailed vetting procedures for grant applications have seriously delayed their bids.

The ODA disputes this, claiming it must ensure that the money is spent on Third World projects of a "development nature".

But the Government is committed to speeding up the process, but switching to a position in which Britain initiates soft loans, rather than just matching them.

Two things are seriously worrying ODA officials. The first is that to lose control of the so-called Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) fund which makes grants to Third World countries, would seriously erode their responsibilities. Although it is worth only £66 million a year, industrialists say that the recent addition of China to the countries qualifying for grants from it could soak it up.

They say it must be increased next year, to cope with increased demands for ATP.

The second concern is that the government is unlikely to sanction a compensatory increase in the total aid budget, which will mean that there will be a switch in the way help is distributed – away from countries which need it most and towards Third World nations which can afford to take on board the essential commercial part of any soft loan package.

A decision on whether the DTI or ODA has won is unlikely to be clear before the mechanism by which soft loans (low interest commercial credit) are to operate is detailed, probably shortly after Parliament reassembles next month.

If the Export Credits Guarantee Department is nominated as day-to-day administrator of the scheme, it will be a strong indicator that the DTI has prevailed.

Granada Group to buy TV rental business

By Patience Wheatcroft

Granada Group is to buy the Telebank television rental business from STC, the troubled electronics group, for between £10 million and £12 million. The sale is part of STC's rationalization following its drastic slide in profits from £76.2 million to £21.4 million in the first half of this year.

Telebank has been running at a small loss but Granada believes that integrating the business with its television rental operations will make the acquisition profitable. Granada's finance director, Mr Derek Lewis, said: "It will be a net contributor within its first year."

Granada has about one fifth of the British television rental market. In May last year it bought Rediffusion from BET for £120 million and now runs about 2 million accounts. Telebank will bring another 127,000 accounts. But the company has an added attraction for Granada in its catalogue-selling business, which could forrm the basis for future expansion by Granada.

Most of Telebank's television sets have slot meters. Customers are regularly visited by collectors who empty the meters and nearly always find that there is a surplus after the rentals paid. The collector suggests that the customer should use the surplus as a down-payment on household goods from Telebank's catalogue. Many customers do this.

"It means that the revenue per customer is very much higher," explained Mr Lewis, "and it encourages customers to stay with the company."

Tomkins set for bid

By Our City Staff

F. H. Tomkins, the fast-growing industrial holding company headed by Mr Greg Hutchings, may make an offer at about 250p per share for the outstanding 91.84 per cent of Office and Electronic Machines not already owned by Tomkins.

Any offer is conditional upon Tomkins agreeing within four weeks with Triumph-Adler regarding the continuation, on control of OEM passing to Tomkins, of OEM's sole agency for Triumph-Adler products on terms that are satisfactory to Tomkins.

OEM's primary activity is the distribution and after-sales service of Triumph-Adler's range of office equipment in the UK.

The proposed offer values OEM at £15.3 million. Tomkins increased its stake in OEM to 8.16 per cent last month.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Aberdeen Steak Houses 5p Ord (67a)	80
Anglo United Dev (34)	38
Braidstock Group 5p Ord (170)	205–3
Bristol 10p Ord (185) £1 paid	135–3
C C A Galleries 10p Ord (80a)	87
Cannon Street Inv 20p Ord (a)	58–2
Conrad Hldgs 25p Ord (70)	744-1
Control Techniques 10p Ord (115)	131–2
Dean Park Hlds 25p Ord (51a)	49
F K B Group 5p Ord (148a)	176–2
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (94a)	96
Ismael Black L1 4p Ord (37a)	28
Kewill Systems 5p Ord (17a)	52–2
Lowndes 25p Ord (110a)	111–2
Lysander Petroleum 5p Ord (65a)	68
Mims Advertising 5p Ord (105a)	95
Nordic Inv Trust 10p Ord (50)	47–1
Questel 10p Ord (180a)	173–2
Sapphire Petroleum 50p Ord (150a)	86+1
Trilion 10p Ord (73a)	88–2
Yellowhammer 5p Ord (110a)	133+3
Rights issues	
Lumsden Lighting (220) Nil Pd	45 prem
Hanson Tst (185) Prty Pd	115–4

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. *by tender

Centrovincial chief resigns

Mr Stanley Golby, joint managing director and deputy chairman of Centrovincial Estates, the property dealing company, has resigned from the company. He is to retire for what are described as personal reasons.

Mr Joseph Gold, chairman of Centrovincial, says that a replacement for Mr Golby has not been decided but it appears the resignation may leave the way open for the appointment of a younger deputy chairman.

Mr Golby was responsible for writing the company's annual report and Mr Gold says that this will change.

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INTERIM REPORT

Profits up 57% to £3.45m

Earnings per share up 56% to 3.71p

Dividend up 25% to 2.45p

The unaudited consolidated results for the 28 weeks ended 10 August 1985 are as follows:	28 weeks ended 10 August 1985 £000	28 weeks ended 11 August 1984 £000
Turnover	71,661	55,114
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3,445	2,198
Taxation	1,412	921
	2,033	1,277
Minority interests	35	38
	1,998	1,239
Extraordinary items	693	53
Profit for the period	2,691	1,292
Dividends: Preference	8	8
Ordinary	1,331	1,041
	1,339	1,049
Balance transferred to reserves	1,352	243
Earnings per Ordinary share	3.71p	2.38p

NOTES:
1) Profit on ordinary activities before taxation includes profit on the disposal of interests in properties amounting to £252,000 (28 weeks ended 11 August 1984 £816,000, including profit arising from sale and leaseback arrangements).
2) The interim dividend for the year ending 25 January 1986 of 2.45p (1985 1.96p) per Ordinary share will be paid on 20 November 1985 to shareholders on the register on 10 October 1985.

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Group of Five finance ministers draw up blueprint for currencies and trade

The following statement was issued by the Group of Five finance ministers and central bank governors after their meeting in New York at the weekend.



The Group of Five finance ministers – from left, Mr James Baker (US), Mr Nigel Lawson (Britain), Mr Nobory Takeshita (Japan); Dr Gerhard Stoltenberg (West Germany); M. Pierre Beregovoy (France).

Ministers of finance and central bank governors of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States met on Sunday in the context of their agreement to conduct mutual surveillance and as part of their preparations for wider international discussions at the forthcoming meetings in Seoul, Korea. They reviewed economic developments and policies in each of their countries and assessed their implications for economic prospects, external balances, and exchange rates.

At the Bonn economic summit in May 1985 the heads of state or government of seven major industrial countries and the President of the Commission of the European Communities issued an economic declaration towards sustained growth and higher employment. In that declaration the participants agreed that:

"The best contributions we can make to a lasting new prosperity in which all nations can share is unremittingly to pursue, individually in our own countries and cooperatively together, policies conducive to sustained growth and higher employment."

The ministers and governors were of the view that significant progress has been made in their efforts to promote a convergence of favourable economic performance among their countries on a path of steady noninflationary growth. Furthermore, they concluded that their countries are restoring the vitality and responsiveness of their economies.

As a result of these developments, they are confident that a firm basis has been established for a sustained, more balanced expansion among their countries. This sustained growth will benefit other industrial countries and will help ensure expanding export markets for developing countries, thereby contributing importantly to the resolution of problems of heavily indebted developing countries.

They believe that this convergence of favourable economic performance has been influenced increasingly by policy initiatives undertaken by their countries. Moreover, each of their countries is committed to the implementation of further policy measures which will reinforce favourable convergence and strengthen the sustainability of the current expansion.

Ministers and governors were of the view that recent shifts in fundamental economic conditions among their countries, together with policy commitments for the future, have not been reflected fully in exchange markets.

Recent economic developments and policy changes.

Ministers and governors expect that real growth in aggregate for their countries will be about 3 per cent this year, compared to negative growth of -0.7 per cent in 1982. Although this figure is down slightly from 1984, growth will be more balanced than at any time in the last four years. After the particularly rapid US growth of 1983–4, there is now increased evidence of internal growth in the other countries.

In particular, private investment has picked up strength. The current expansion is occurring in a context of fiscal consolidation; it is not dependent on shortlived fiscal stimulus. As a result of the changes in the components of growth, real growth in their countries can be expected to remain strong as US growth moderates.

The current stained expansion is occurring within a frame work of declining inflation, a phenomenon that is unprecedented in the past three decades. Inflation rates are at their lowest in nearly 20 years, and they show no signs of reviving.

There has been a significant fall in interest rates in recent years. Apart from welcome domestic effects, this has been particularly helpful in easing the burden of debt repayments for developing countries.

This successful performance is the direct result of the importance given to macroeconomic policies which have reduced inflation and inflationary expectations, to continued vigilance over government spending, to greater emphasis on market forces and competition, and to prudent monetary policies.

These positive economic developments notwithstanding, there are large imbalances in external positions which pose potential problems, and which reflect a wide range of factors. Among these are: the deterioration in its external position which the US experienced from its period of very rapid relative growth; the particularly large impact on the US current account of the economic difficulties and the adjustment efforts of some major developing countries; the difficulty of trade access in some markets; and the appreciation of the US dollar.

The intreaction of these factors – relative growth rates, the debt problems of developing countries, and exchange rate developments – has contributed to large, potentially destabilizing external imbalances among major industrial countries. In particular, the United States has a large and growing current account deficit, and Japan, and to lesser extent Germany, large and growth current account surpluses.

The US current account deficit, together with other factors, is now contributing to protectionist pressures which, if not resisted, could lead to mutually destructive retaliation with serious damage to the world economy; world trade would shrink, real growth rates could even turn negative, unemployment would rise still higher, and debt-burdened developing countries would be unable to secure the export earning they vitally need.

Policy Intentions

The finance ministers and governors affirmed that each of their countries remains firmly committed to its international responsibilities and obligations as leading industrial nations. They also share special responsibilities to ensure the mutual consistency of their individual policies.

The ministers agreed that establishing more widely strong, noninflationary domestic growth and open markets will be a key factor in ensuring that the current expansion continues in a more balanced fashion, and they committed themselves to policies toward that end. In countries where the budget deficit is too high, further measures to reduce the deficit substantially are urgently required.

Ministers and governors agreed that it was essential that protectionist pressures be resisted.

Ministers recognized the importance of providing access to their markets for LDC exports as those countries continue their essential adjustment efforts, and saw this as an important additional reason to avoid protectionist policies. They welcomed the GATT preparatory meeting scheduled for late September and expressed their hope that it will reach a broad consensus on subject matter and modalities for a new GATT round.

In this context, they recalled and reaffirmed the statement in the Bonn economic declaration on the debt situation.

"Sustained growth in world trade, lower interest rates, open markets and continued financing in amounts and on terms appropriate to each individual case are essential to enable developing countries to achieve sound growth and overcome their economic and financial difficulties."

The ministers agreed that they would monitor progress in achieving a sustained noninflationary expansion and intensify their individual and cooperative efforts to accomplish this objective. To that end, they affirmed the statements of policy intentions by each of their countries.

Conclusions

The minister of finance and central bank governors agreed that recent economic developments and policy changes, when combined with the specific policy intentions, provide a sound basis for continued and a more balanced expansion with low inflation. They agreed on the importance of these improvements for redresssing the large and growing external imbalances that have developed. In that connection, they noted that further market-opening measures will be important to resisting protectionism.

The ministers and governors agreed that exchange rates should play a role in adjusting external mibalances. In order to do this, exchange rates should better reflect fundamental economic conditions than has been the case. They believe that agreed policy actions must be implemenmted and reinforced to improve the fundamentals further, and that in view of the present and prospective changes in fundamentals, some further orderly appreciation of the main non-dollar currencies against the dollar is desirable. They stand ready to cooperate more closely to encourage this when to do so would be helpful.

The British policy statement is as follows.

The United Kingdom Government, noting that the British economy has been experiencing steady growth of output and domestic demand over the past four years, will continue to pursue policies designed to reduce inflation; to promote sustained growth of output and employment; to reduce the size of the public sector; to encourage a more competitive, innovative, market orientated private sector; to reduce regulation and increase incentives throughout the economy;and to maintain open trading and capital markets free of foreign exchange controls.

In particular, the United Kingdom Government intends:

- To operate monetary policy to achieve further progress towards price stability and to provide a financial environment for growing output and employment; and to buttress monetary policy with a prudent fiscal policy.
- To continue to reduce public expenditure as a share of GDP and to transfer further substantial parts of public sector industry to private ownership.
- To reduce the burden of taxation in order to improve incentives and to increase the efficient use of resources in the economy.
- To take additional measures to improve the effective working of the labour market, including the reform of Wages Councils and improvements in youth training; and implement proposals to liberalize and strengthen competition within financial markets.
- To resist protectionism.

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Salomon challenges at the Opacs game

Whether it has anything to do with the parlous condition of oil prices is uncertain, but there has been a sudden burst of activity at the more exotic end of the oil market.

Salomon Brothers – its less exalted half is the commodity trader Phibro – has recently issued a novel line in crude oil warrants, options by any other name. And, under the pressure of these and other events, the International Petroleum Exchange in London is pressing ahead with its second crack at a crude contract.

The Salomon move has a certain pre-emptive quality, but that is not the main reason for issuing the warrants. The move is interesting because it is an early example of many possible hybrids involving the financial and the commodity aspects of negotiable instruments.

Phibro-Salomon is, of course, well placed to push out such paper, not least because of its placing power. The fact that Salomon Brothers is technically handling the issue for Phibro-Energy tells the story.

The offering comprises 16,000 call and 16,000 put warrants to buy or sell West Texas Intermediate crude, a grade widely marketed in the United States – it is the basis of the New York Mercantile Exchange's successful futures contract – but not much traded elsewhere.

Each option allows the holder to buy or sell 1,000 barrels of WTI, with a choice of two exercise dates (May 13, 1986 and December 14, 1986) and two strike prices (those of settlement at the agreed exercise date).

At the end of last week the May exercise price was between $24¼ and $23¾ a barrel. The May 1986 contract on NYMEX was trading at around $25¼.

But the crucial part of the operation is that Salomon will make a market in the options. We are so accustomed to seeing commodity exchanges all over the place pop up with options – most recently and increasingly in London – that the idea of what amounts to an over-the-counter market is arresting. In effect, Salomon is challenging the exchanges at their own game.

The firm has tried this before. It has issued European Currency Unit and Sterling – Mark warrants in the past. But those were aimed mainly at financial businesses.

The oil option puts and calls (Opacs) are meant to appeal to industry as much as to finance. Since WTI is widely used and traded in America, options could be used as price insurance by refiners of products from all parts of the barrel and by traders proper, as well as by consumers.

On top of that, Salomon hopes that Opacs will attract banks with energy – secured loans. The past two years have demonstrated that many American banks effectively have a long position on oil, and portfolio managers wanting to hedge the energy-related sections of their portfolios.

It is too early to say whether the idea will catch on. The obvious drawbacks are the pricing, which London sources felt was too far out of line with futures prices, and the liquidity of the market.

While the august house of Salomon is developing these OTC markets (in addition to its presence in one form or another on futures markets), the IPE is struggling for the second time to devise a workable, good old-fashioned crude oil futures contract.

At present the competition is not direct, chiefly because the IPE contract will be based on Brent crude, a kind of mirror image of WTI since it is the most widely trade crude outside the United States.

Fear of the direction oil prices are taking has caused IPE members to put pressure on the secretariat to come up with a contract. A proposed contract based on cash settlement on the index which has been running for months has been circulated to members. They are due to meet on October 3 to decide whether to proceed with the contract and if, as expected, they agree to do so, it could begin trading around the end of next month.

In the end, however, both the IPE and Salomon face the same problem. Have they got the product right? Does it in fact offer the price protection potential users say they need? But there is a difference. For Salomon, Opacs are a sideline, albeit intriguing.

For the IPE, much more is riding on the crude contract. Its ambitions to develop a full range of futures and options contracts covering the whole refining margin would suffer if crude flops again.

Michael Prest

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APPOINTMENTS

Sheffield Insulations: Mr Ray Duffin has been named sales director.

Panocean Storage & Transport: Mr John Hillyer becomes finance director.

Macey Williams: Mr Ian Watson becomes a director on October 1.

Exco International Mr Paul Myners, chief executive of Gartmore Investment Management, and Mr Jack Wilson, chief executive of London Forfaiting Company, have been appointed to the board.

Marley Extrusions: Mr John Greenrod has been made technical director.

Antocks Lairn: Mr Peter Wake has been made financial director.

Peat Marwick: Mr James Nelson (Glasgow office), Mr William Bowman (Aberdeen office) and Mr Mark Hopton (Birmingham office) have been appointed partners from October 1.

Samuel Montagu: Clive Badcock and Mr Christopher O'Malley have been made executive directors.

National Westminster Bank: Mrs Jean Parker, chairman-designate of the Confederation of British Industry's smaller firms council and a member of the CBI's East Midlands regional council, has become a director of the bank's eastern regional board.

TABS: Mr Roberto Segre has been made managing director.

County Bank: Mr Christopher Maytum is to join the board as director and head of trading in the capital markets division.

Shanks & McEwan Group: Mr Roger Hewitt has joined the board.

Legal & General Assurance Society: Mr Emrys Wynn Owen and Mr Andrrewe Reid have been appointed members of the South and West Advisory Board.

Boddingtons: Mr G. L. Corlett, chairman and managing director of Higsons Brewery, has been made a non-executive director. Mr Corlett, who retires as managing director of Higsons on September 30, will continue as chairman.

Christie, Manson and Woods: Mr Charles Allsopp and Mr Noel Annesley have been appointed deputy chairmen.

Rotaflex: Mr Nigel Proudlock has been made chairman of Belco Manufacturing Company.

APC International Group: Mr Robin Maxwell has become secretary and group financial controller.

British Health-Care Export Council: Mr Michael Williams has been appointed director general from October 1. He will succeed Mr David Pollington.

George Wimpey: Mr Roger Neil has become finance director of Wimpey-Dublier and Dr Michael F. Cleverley has been appointed a director of Wimpol.

COMPANY NEWS

- **W. CANNINGS:** An interim dividend of 1.15p (1.1p) is declared for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, sales rose to 31,905 (25,858). Pretax profit was 1,125 (1,109) and earnings per share were 4.2p (5.3p).
- **MOSS BROS:** An interim dividend of 1.72p as against 1.54p is declared for the six months to July 27. With figures in £000, turnover (excluding VAT) was 9,530 (8,638). Pretax profit was 315 (271). Earnings per share were 5.93p (4.66p).
- **CONTINENTAL MICROWAVE (HOLDINGS):** The dividend for the year to June 30 is 2.25p (1.8p), making 4p (3.3p). With figures in £000, turnover was 8,739 (6,556) and pretax profit 708 (443). Earnings per share were 20.3p (17.7p).
- **BEATSON CLARK:** An interim dividend of 3.3p (same) has been declared for 26 weeks to June 29. With figures in £000, total sales were 17,184 (15,608). Trading profit was 2,829 (1,800). Pretax profit was 741 (298). Earnings per share were 6.7p (12.6p).
- **PANTHERELLA:** An interim dividend of 1.5p (1.3) is declared for the six months to June 30, payable on January 3. With figures in £000, turnover was 2,085 (1,604). Profit before tax was 315 (232). Earnings per share were 4.6p (3.4p).
- **GOODHEAD PRINT GROUP:** With figures in £000, turnover for the year to May 31 was 21,094 (19,018). Gross profit was 5,493 (5,044). Pretax profit was 896 (641). Earnings per share were 8.5p (5.6p).
- **HB ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS:** For the half year to June 30, an interim dividend of 0.5p (same), is declared, payable on November 25. With figures in £000, sales were 2,482 (2,295) and trading profit 100 (140). Pretax profit was 30 (120). Earnings per share were 0.5p (2.1p).
- **CHRISTY HUNT:** No dividend (nil) has been declared for the year to June 30. With figures in £000, group turnover was 4,025 (3,957). Group profits before interest and tax were 261 (198). Earnings per share (fully adjusted) were 4.3 (2.1).
- **METALRAX GROUP:** For the six months to June 30, an interim payment of 0.7p (o.6091p adjusted for scrip) is declared. With figures in £000, turnover was 17,167 (14,045). Pre-tax profit was 1,551 (1,304) and earnings per share 2.8p (2.14p).
- **SPRING RAM CORPORATION:** An interim dividend of 0.605p (0.55p) has been announced for the six months to June 29. With figures in £000, turnover was 12,738 (8,972) and pretax profit was 1,827 (1,282). Earnings per share were 6.6p (6.1) restated).
- **BERKELY EXPLORATION:** For the six months to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover, fuel and gas sales) was 6,729 (4,707). Gross profit was 3,131 (1,899) and pretax profit 1,735 (770). Earnings pr share were 7.18p (3.21p loss).
- **JOHN EDWARD CROWTHER:** Pretax profit for the year to March 31 was £463,134 (£628,958). Tax was £165,042 (£213,614).
- **HELENE OF LONDON:** The company has exchanged conditional contracts for the acquisition of Peter Barron (Models).

Pentos sales continue

Pentos, the industrial holding company, is selling the Akerman and Jeavons and Gummers business of Messengers (Birmingham) to a new company, A and J Gummers, for more than £250,000.

The sale is in line with the company's policy of divesting those businesses that do not fit in with long-term plans. Disposals so far this year should bring in £2 million, Pentos said.

BHP rises on bid talk

Sydney (Reuter) – Mr Brian Luton, managing director of Broken Hill Proprietary, yesterday advised shareholders not to sell their holdings in the company which is currently the centre of takeover speculation.

He said BHP had been the subject of two bids by Mr Robert Holmes a'Court.

Shareholders who stayed with us on those occasions are between Aus$ 1.00 and Aus$ 6.00 better off, he said.

Mr Luton added that BHP management was keeping a close watch on the share register in the wake of heavy trading last week.

Last week, several brokers said that Adelaide Steamship Co and Mr Holmes a Court's Bell Group between them held about 14 per cent of BHP.

Share buying in BHP continued yesterday with the share price rising 14 cents to $7.54.

The BHP share register lists the Holmes a'Court as holding 42.6 million shares, equal to 4.1 per cent issued capital.

Energy seminar for exporters

The Department of Energy is to hold seminars designed to help the United Kingdom offshore supply industry compete successfully for export orders in the growing world offshore exploration industry.

The two-day seminars, first of a series, started yesterday in London. A total of four seminars will be held in London.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy minister said: "These four seminars offer an unparalleled opportunity to any company wishing to become a serious force in world offshore markets."

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Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Midland Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
TSB	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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HALF YEAR TO 30th JUNE 1985

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	1985** Half Year £'000	1984 Half Year £'000	1984 Year £'000
Sales	43,655	23,008	63,351
Net Operating Profit	3,407	1,544	4,636
Interest Payable (net)	(903)	(454)	(1,193)
Profit before tax	2,504	1,090	3,443
Taxation	(493)	(281)	(1,084)
Profit after Tax	2,011	809	2,359
Minority Interest	—	—	(10)
Earnings	2,011	809	2,349
Dividend Ordinary – Interim	1.25p	0.70p	0.70p
– Final	—	—	1.60p
Earnings per Ordinary Share	8.2p	*5.8p	†12.2p

Turnover and Profit by Class of Business

	1985 Half Year Turnover £'000	Profit £'000	1984 Half Year Turnover £'000	Profit £'000	1984 Year Turnover £'000	Profit £'000
Industrial Products	21,884	1,985	13,361	718	32,629	1,993
Metal Products	11,917	899	6,521	454	16,078	1,064
North America	9,854	523	3,126	372	14,644	1,579
	43,655	3,407	23,008	1,544	63,351	4,636

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EARNINGS PER SHARE UP 41%
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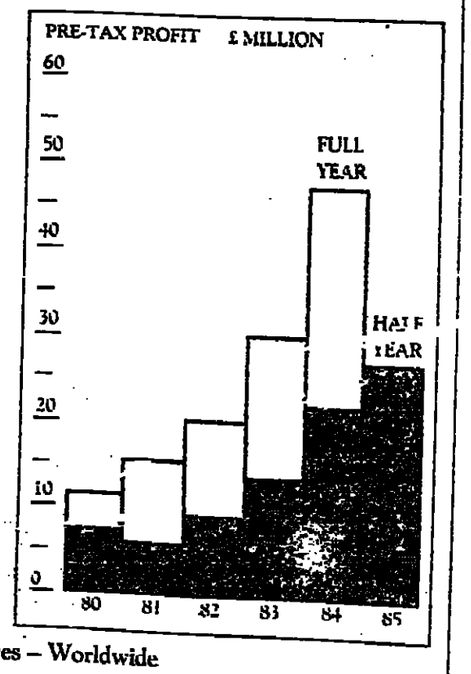
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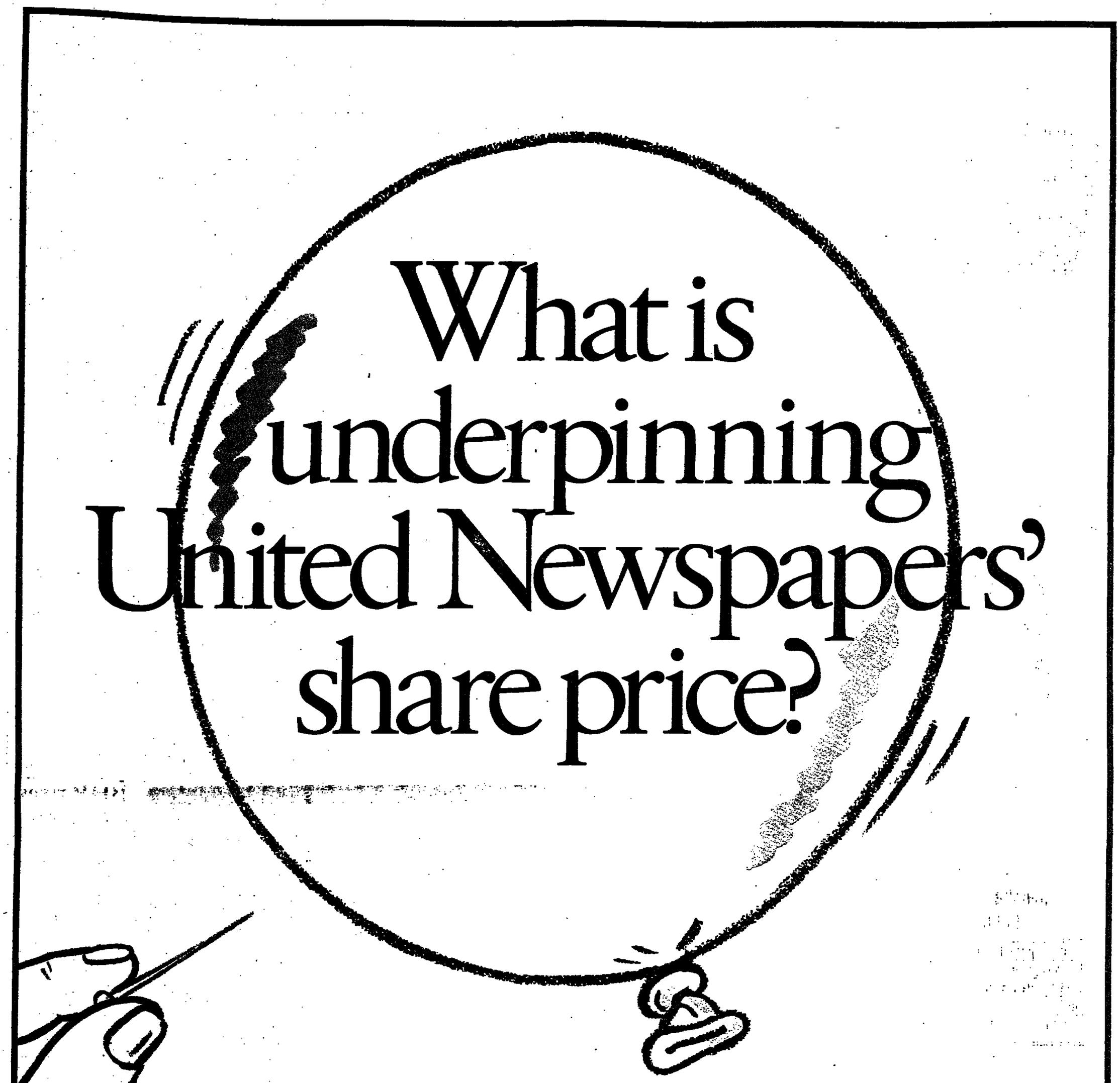
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8	Forminster	
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10	Dixons Grp	
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11	Phoenix Timber	
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13	Lovell (J)	
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15	Amec	
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21	Micro Focus	
22	Racal Elec	
23	Newman	
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25	Ferranti	
26	Chloride	
27	Telephone Rentals	
28	Eurotherm	
29	Thorn EMI	
30	Amstrad	
	INDUSTRIALS S–Z	
31	Smith & Nephew	
32	Third Mile	
33	Scott & Robertson	
34	Wests	
35	Spear & Jackson	
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37	StockMake	
38	Smith Whitworth	
39	Telfos	
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424	282	Barclays	367	-7	24.0	6.5	8.5
445	285	Brown Shipley	385		19.5	5.1	17.1
570	408	Cater Allen	488	+5	41.3	8.5	12.1
38	22½	Castles	35		2.3	6.5	12.2
550	370	Chase Manhattan	530		36.4	10.1	..
4[illegible]	2[illegible]	Chicorp	3[illegible]		20.6	7.2	..
73	36	Citic	40	+3	3.6	6.8	7.3
38	28	Com Bank Wales	28				
574	405	Commerzbank	557	+15	8.0	0.1	..
1595	1045	Deutsche Bank	1555		1200	7.7	..
128	74½	First Nat Finance	125	+2			8.8
372	264	Gerrard Nat	314	+5	18.9	6.0	10.3
79	55	Guinness Peat	70		2.3	3.3	10.7
188	131	Hambros	188		9.3	5.5	14.1
253	173	Hill Samuel	236	+3	16.5	6.9	7.4
94	64	HK Shanghai	84				
278	188	Joseph (Leopold)	254	+2	16.1	6.4	13.2
188	136	King & Shaxson	146		11.5	8.0	17.8
535	375	Kleinwort Benson	487	-1	21.4	4.6	8.6
388	246	Lloyds	388	-15	26.0	6.9	5.9
32	22	Morgan	27		2.1	7.5	9.8
830	588	Mercury Secs	788		32.9	4.8	7.7
278	188	Midland	268		36.4	9.4	8.4
373	273	Nat Asst Bk	358				
587	397	Nat West	554	-5	57.8	8.8	5.3
90	59½	Ottoman	87½		5.0	7.0	16.9
277	188	Provident	277		15.7	5.7	11.7
188	128	Rea Bros	188		1.8	2.8	18.7
116	88	Rothschild (J) Hld	116		6.5	6.8	11.8
21½	15½	Royal Bnk Of Can	21½				
384	278	Royal Bnk Of Scot	341		12.5	4.7	6.8
1[illegible]	7[illegible]	Schroders	9[illegible]		26.4	2.9	12.7
2[illegible]	1[illegible]	Smith St Aubyn	2[illegible]	+1	2.9	7.7	3.4
1[illegible]	8[illegible]	Standard Chart	1[illegible]	+1	62.1	9.5	6.7
746	538	Union	626	+10	52.6	8.4	8.5
87	58	Wagon	87		5.0	5.7	11.8
51½	36½	Wells Fargo	62½				
280	240	Westpac	255		6.9	2.7	16.3

BUILDING AND ROADS

232	178	Aberdeen Constr	188		10.4	5.5	11.2
290	230	Amec	240		19.5	8.1	8.5
80	29	Arnold's	35		2.1	6.0	29.9
111	88	Ashwoods	88		2.3	2.6	28.3
288	223	BPB Industries	285		11.0	3.9	11.2
204	154	Baggeridge Brick	198	-10	9.0	4.5	10.7
164	116	Barratt Devs	160		10.9	6.8	6.6
76	56	Bailey(Bee) Constr	76	+2	3.6	4.7	9.6
133	118	Bellway	118		10.0	8.5	6.2
70	61	Benford Concrete	64		5.4	8.5	34.7
65	57	Best Bros	65		4.4	6.8	9.2
95	65	Blockleys	88	-10	6.0	6.8	12.7
205	155	Blue Circle	205		15.5	7.6	9.4
194	135	Breedon&Cloud Hill	176		13.5	7.7	28.4
95	55	Brickhouse Dudley	88		4.9	5.6	12.0
68	54	Br Dredging	68		3.8	5.4	11.0
11	8	Brown&Jackson	9				
166	126	Brownlee	166		6.7	4.1	7.8
78	58	Bryant	76	+1	3.4	5.8	8.4
150	96	Bulmer & Hallam			4.4	5.8	
156	118	Cakebread Robey	150		8.0	6.1	28.1
158	115	Cement-Roadstone	156		9.8	6.3	9.9
78	55	Condor Grp	78		4.3	5.5	24.8
111	84	Costain	111		6.3	5.7	9.3
298	224	Countryside	296		7.5	2.5	26.8
84	64	Crouch (Derek)	84		4.4	5.2	21.0
91	61	Day (George)	81		4.1	5.1	9.2
65	56	Douglas (Hld)	65		2.5	4.2	16.5
91	68	Erith	91		4.4	7.4	9.6
53	41	Fell	41		4.1	11.1	12.9
91	68	Do 'A'	91		4.4	7.4	9.6
150	117	Finlan (John)	150		4.3	5.7	25.2
196	137	Francis Kier	191		8.8	4.6	9.9
84	64	Galliford	84		6.1	7.2	9.2
115	85	Glass & Caney Ord	115		2.3	2.0	35.6
245	204	Gleeson (M.J.)	245		7.2	3.0	17.5
111	84	HAT	93		5.4	10.2	
166	126	Hemel Bar					10.6
148	112	Hewden-Stuart			2.2	5.1	8.7
152	124	Heywood Williams	152		6.9	5.5	8.8
291	216	Higgs & Hill	291	-1	17.6	4.5	11.1
135	105	IDC	135		10.0	7.4	6.8
188	136	Ibstock Johnsen	188		5.7	3.8	11.7
128	96	Ismia (J) & Sons	128		2.6	2.0	9.3
129	96	Laing (J)	129		4.8	3.7	8.0
198	138	Do 'A'	198		4.8	2.4	8.2
188	138	Lawrence (Walter)	188		4.8	2.5	8.7
227	168	Lilley (FJC)	227	+2	5.2	2.3	9.5
188	136	Lovell (F.J.)	188		8.8	4.7	9.8
164	128	Magnet & South	128		6.7	5.2	13.3
188	161	Maitland	188		10.7	5.7	12.4
116	88	Marshalls (Halifax)	116		6.4	5.5	10.8
89	74	May & Hassell	84		5.4	6.4	
232	188	McAlpine (Alfred)	228		16.1	6.9	9.2
112	97	Meyer Int	107		7.5	5.5	7.8
18	12	Miller (Barney)	18				
105	105	Monk (A)	105		6.3	7.8	16.4
138	138	Mowlem (John)	138		17.0	8.7	17.3
188	138	Newarthill	152		15.7	10.1	13.8
120	88	Nottingham Brick	97		6.5	6.8	11.8
688	538	Pearce (CH) Sons	728		9.3	1.3	14.4
168	128	Persimmon	168		6.8	5.7	
168	128	Phoenix Timber	168		4.4	4.8	3.4
168	128	Redpath	168		10.0	6.0	8.4
168	128	RMC	168		18.6	4.8	8.8
168	128	Redland	168		15.0	4.9	11.3
168	128	Roberts Adam	128		8.8	6.8	10.9
168	128	Rowlinson Secs	34		8.8	6.8	10.9
168	128	Ruberoid	168		11.1	7.0	8.5
168	128	Rugby Cement	168		8.8	7.0	9.3
168	128	SGB	168		9.9	5.7	11.3
168	128	Scapa & Fisher	84		12.1	4.7	8.1
168	128	Smart (J)	168		6.3	3.8	12.3
168	128	Tarmac	177		7.7	3.6	13.7
168	128	Taylor Woodrow	168		21.4	5.7	12.5
168	128	Tilbury Group	168		6.3	5.4	10.9
168	128	Travis & Arnold	168		11.3	4.1	9.9
168	128	Trafalgar	168		1.5	1.5	11.3
168	128	Turner	168		9.0	5.4	9.8
168	128	Turriff	168		10.0	9.0	26.5
168	128	Ultraseal	168		12.9	7.7	7.1
168	128	Ward	168		9.6	5.5	9.5
168	128	Warrington (T)	168		9.7	5.7	8.8
168	128	Watts Blake	204		5.6	2.7	10.3
168	128	Western Bros	78		14.0	1.9	15.2
168	128	Wiggins	168				
168	128	Wilson (Connolly)	168	-2	4.5	1.8	12.8
168	128	Wimpey (George)	118	-2	4.6	3.9	11.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

22½	22½	AKZO N/V Bearer	22[illegible]				
138	128	Allied Colloids	141		4.8	3.5	14.7
263	263	Amersham	263		8.6	3.3	15.7
154	154	Anchor Chemical	154		6.1	3.9	9.1
5½	5½	Bayer DM50	5[illegible]		10.3	10.1	7.7
100	100	Blagden	100		5.1	4.2	16.1
104	104	Brent Chems	104				17.2
15½	15½	Br Benzol	15½		5.0	4.5	10.7
79	79	Br Tar Products	111		5.3	4.8	13.9
94	94	Canning (W)	94		5.0	5.3	12.5
234	234	Coalite	234		9.3	3.9	9.6
154	154	Cookson	154		8.0	5.2	8.4
126	126	Do 'A'	126		6.6	5.2	7.6
15	15	Cory (Horace)	15		1.4	7.9	6.1
126	126	Croda	126		10.0	7.9	13.1
126	126	Do Old					
174	174	Ellis & Everard	196		9.3	4.7	15.6
175	175	Fosseo-Minerap	175		11.7	6.9	7.6
168	168	Halstead (James)	168		5.4	5.6	9.4
168	168	Hickson	168		21.4	6.9	8.1
168	168	Hoechst DM50	51				
168	168	Imp Chem Ind	530		44.6	7.0	6.3
278	278	Laporte	278		10.5	3.8	16.3
94	94	Leigh	94		4.3	4.6	10.4
141	141	Pilkington	157		8.1	1.9	17.2
53	53	Rostrook Hldgs.	80		3.8	5.8	
128	128	Ransoll	146		3.2	2.2	16.7
168	168	SHNA BPD	149		7.1	3.0	16.9
168	168	Stewart Plastic	194		6.6	3.7	14.7
168	168	Wolstenholme Rink	286		11.1	4.2	12.5
87	56	Yorkshire Chem	59		2.5e	4.2	9.8

CINEMAS AND TV

188	120	Anglia TV 'A'	188		11.4	7.0	11.7
64	38	Grampian	58		5.0	8.7	7.3
156	118	HTV N/V	150		10.0	6.7	7.3
291	218	LWT Hldgs	280		20.6	7.1	6.1
188	128	Scot TV 'A'	188		9.6	5.1	6.1
151	110	TVS N/V	151		8.6	5.7	7.6
32	22	TSW	30		2.2	7.4	7.6

DRAPERY AND STORES

64	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	58		3.2	5.7	23.8
114	84	Arnotts (James) 'A'	112		5.0	4.5	12.8
114	89	Bentalls	112	+10	5.0	4.5	12.8
8	5	Blacks Leis					
188	138	Brammer	188		8.8	4.7	8.8
188	138	BY Home Stores	188		8.8	4.7	8.8
188	138	Brown (N)	188		12.9	6.8	10.2
188	138	Burton	188		12.1	6.5	10.0
188	138	Cohen (A) &Sons	188				
188	138	Combe 'A'	188		2.9	2.7	7.4
188	138	Church	188		20.7	6.6	10.6
188	138	Combined English	188		12.6	4.7	6.8
188	138	Coura (Fum) 'A'	188		26.4	2.9	12.7
188	138	Dewhirst (J)	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Dickins Grp	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Dunhill	188		22.0p	8.7	12.5
188	138	Ellis & Goldstein	188		2.1	2.2	17.6
188	138	Elys (Wimbledon)	188		12.8	4.5	13.7
188	138	Empire Stores	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Etam	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Executex Clothes	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Fine Art Dev	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Ford (Harry)	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Forminster	188		2.1	2.2	17.6
188	138	Freemans	188		12.8	4.5	13.7
188	138	Galtor (A.)	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Gent SR	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Goldberg (A)	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Gyllenhammer Gp	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Grattan	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	GUS	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Do 'A'	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Habitat Mothercare	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Harris Queensway	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Helene Of London	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Hepworth (J)	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Hollas	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Home Charm	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	House Of Larose	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Jones (Ernest)	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Ladbs Pride	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Lee Cooper	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Liberty	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Lincroft Kilgour	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Marks & Spencer	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Marsden (John)	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Millets Leisure	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Moss Bros	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Next Managemt	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Oliver (S)	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Owen Owen	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Peters Stores	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Prendy (Alfred)	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Rahmen (Jewellers)	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Reed (Austin)	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Do 'A'	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	S & U Stores	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Samuel (H)	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Do 'A'	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Sears	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Simpson (S) 'A'	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Smith (WH) 'A'	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Do 'B'	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Stanley (AG)	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Stanwood	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Sumrie Clothes	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Superdrug Stores	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Tern-Computate	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Time Products	188		15.5	11.3	11.3
188	138	Vantona Viyella	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	WH Smith	188		2.9	7.7	3.4
188	138	Ward White	188		6.3	5.4	10.9
188	138	Wigfall (Henry)	188		11.3	4.1	9.9
188	138	Wolworth	188		15.5	11.3	11.3

ELECTRICALS

537	220	AB Elect	230		8.8	4.0	8.8
114	83	Amstrad	112		1.1	1.0	19.1
78	74	Apricot Computers	78		2.1	2.7	6.2
78	38	Arlen Elec	38				
376	276	Atlantic Comp	332		3.2	0.9	14.7
188	138	Audio Fidelity	188				
188	138	Auto Sec	223		1.9	1.2	14.2
188	138	BICC	223		13.1	5.8	8.3
188	138	BSR	188		8.4p	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bowthorpe	308		8.3	2.7	11.5
188	138	Br Telecom 99p P	104½		8.3	4.8	11.2
188	138	Brown Boveri Kent	97		4.2	4.3	14.3
188	138	Bolgin (AF) 'A'	12½		1.9	15.4	20.1

HOTELS AND CATERERS

366	273	Grand Met	366		13.6	4.1	10.8
366	223	Kennedy Brookes	366		2.1	0.6	12.4
366	241	Ladbroke	366		15.0	5.3	17.1
366	348	Lon Park Hotels	486		11.0p	2.7	48.5
366	241	Mount Charlotte	366		1.9	2.0	18.7
112	94	Prince Of W Hotels	112		2.1	1.8	18.4
58	48	Queens Moat	58		2.0	3.6	14.4
415	366	Savoy Hotels 'A'	366		3.6	1.0	18.1
181	119	Trusthouse Forte	136		7.0	5.1	20.0

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334	210	Abingworth	215		7.8	6.6	
193	128	Aldas Hume	146		20.0	6.8	6.1
288	208	Anglogasco	288		20.0	6.9	4.7
151	78	Berkley Tech	108		3.0		
78	78	Camellia	2[illegible]		1.4[illegible]	0.6	..
218	168	Candover	208		2.9	1.4	69.2
178	118	Controvesy	18				
177	128	Hemons	177		10.0	5.6	24.5
128	128	Henry & Sims	128		4.5	3.5	22.5
188	114	Majedie	151		4.5	3.6	20.5
188	138	Park Place	188		7.5	4.0	58.4

FOODS

188	138	Alpine Drinks					
253	253	Angel	253				
194	194	AB Food	194				
188	188	Assoc Dairies	194				
188	188	Assoc Fisheries	188				
188	188	Atkinsons	188				
188	188	Avana	582				
188	188	Banks (Geney G)	238				
188	188	Barker & Dobson	188				
188	188	Bassett Foods	215				
188	188	Bedeya	145				
188	188	Belgen	173				
188	188	Bejam Grp	173				
188	188	Br Vending (BVI)	188				
188	188	Cadbury-Schwepp	136				
188	188	Carrs Milling	188				
188	188	Clifford's Dairies	150				
188	188	Do 'A'	147				
188	188	Cullens	206				
188	188	Dee	188				
188	188	Fisher (Albert)	188				
188	188	Fitch Lovell	188				
188	188	Glass Glover	233				
188	188	Global Gp	188				
188	188	Hazlewood Foods	733				
188	188	Hillards	388				
188	188	Hindleys Indgs	188				
188	188	Home Farm	79				
188	188	Iceland Frozen	587				
188	188	Kwik Save	223				
188	188	Lion (Wight J)	148				
188	188	Lovell (GF)	55				
188	188	Low (Wm)	535				
188	188	Matthews (Bernard)	475				
188	188	Mcan	188				
188	188	Meat Trade Supp	188				
188	188	Morrison (W)	152				
188	188	Newsons	188				
188	188	Nichols (JRO (Vimto)	215				
188	188	Normans	79				
188	188	Nthn Foods	278				
188	188	Nurdin & Peacock	188				
188	188	Park Foods	128				
188	188	RHM	153				
188	188	Rowntree Mac	365				
188	188	Sainsbury (J)	334				
188	188	Salvesen (Chas)	188				
188	188	Somportex	98				
188	188	Tate & Lyle	458				
188	188	Tesco	188				
188	188	Unigate	178				
188	188	Utd Biscuits	176				
188	188	Watson & Philip	117				

INDUSTRIALS A–D

185	116	AAH	157		9.7	6.2	12.5
391	185	AGB Research	214		9.3	4.5	18.7
112	71	AM	112		5.0	4.5	18.2
216	216	APV	256		16.1	6.3	10.3
145	145	Aeronson	145		5.0	6.7	19.8
130	130	Ashcrest	130		8.7	6.3	12.4
310	310	Ashworths W'wear	310		8.6	2.8	12.8
310	310	Amber Ind	310		8.6	2.8	12.8
333	333	Appledore	333		6.6	2.0	25.7
333	333	Arlington	333				16.2
333	333	Armour	333		8.6	2.6	10.2
333	333	Ash & Lacey	333		28.5	8.6	10.2
333	333	Ashley	333				16.2
333	333	Assd Eng 8%	333				
333	333	Assoc Heat	456				16.8
333	333	Assoc Telecoms			5.3		7.4
333	333	Aurora	333				10.3
333	333	Do Prf Ord	333				
333	333	Avon Rubber	333		7.4		
333	333	Ayrshire Metal	333		2.1	2.2	15.8
333	333	BBA	333		2.5	2.2	17.6
333	333	BET Dfd	333		22.0p	8.7	12.5
333	333	BETEC	333		2.1	2.2	17.6
333	333	BOC	333		12.8	4.5	13.7
333	333	Babcock	333		10.5	6.8	8.4
333	333	Bailey (CH)	333		11.9	6.8	11.9
333	333	Baird (Wm)	333				
333	333	Baker Perkins	333		28.0p	8.6	
333	333	Banro Ind	333		9.8	4.5	14.9
333	333	Barbican	333		7.8p	5.8	15.6
333	333	Barget	333				
333	333	Barlam	333				28.3
333	333	Barlow Rand	333				
333	333	Barlow Hepburn	333		3.4	6.1	12.8
333	333	Barton Transport	333		22.0p	17.8	12.5
333	333	Baynes (Charles)	333		2.1	2.2	17.6
333	333	Beacon Clarke	333		9.4	6.8	8.1
333	333	Beaufond	333		2.1	2.2	17.6
333	333	Beecham	333		4.9	13.6	
333	333	Belgrave	333		6.0	6.4	6.5
333	333	Bellair Cosmetics	333				
333	333	Benlox	333				
333	333	Berisford (S&W)	333		15.9	8.7	12.5
333	333	Berisford 3i	333		7.5	10.2	7.1
333	333	Bespak	333		6.1	4.8	8.1
333	333	Bestobell	333				12.1
333	333	Beswood	333		2.6	3.2	15.0
333	333	Bevan (GP)	333		1.8	7.2	8.1
333	333	Bibby (J)	333		7.5	2.1	17.2
333	333	Bibby	333		14.5	8.5	7.5
333	333	Bilton (J)	333		4.0	6.6	6.5
333	333	Birmid Qualcast	333		4.8	5.7	8.5
333	333	Birmingham Mint	333		8.2	6.5	12.9
333	333	Black Arrow	333		8.6	8.6	8.4
333	333	Black (Peter)	333		2.3	1.0	29.0
333	333	Blackwood Hodge	333				14.8
333	333	Blundell-Perm	333		10.0p	6.7	11.2
333	333	Bodycote	333		7.1p	4.7	10.8
333	333	Bolton McConnell	333		18.4	8.0	11.5
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

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Symphony error puts Lotus out of harmony

By David Sanger

Lotus Development said last week that thousands of copies of a new version of its Symphony Business software program had a serious flaw that could cause users to lose large amounts of data.

The error is an embarrassment to Lotus, which is depending on new versions of its Symphony program and its 1-2-3 program to prop up earnings this year. It appeared to be the first time that the company, the leading manufacturer of business software for personal computers, has been forced to correct a significant programming mistake in one of its key packages.

Beginning next month, users of the new Symphony 1.1, will receive a floppy diskette that will enable them to correct the problem. Copies of the flawed program on dealers' shelves are being replaced.

The company would not disclose how may copies have been sold since the program was released on July 22. But Ron Scott, a company spokesman, said all of the sold copies include the error. "We are not certain how the glitch slipped in."

Earlier versions of Symphony are not affected, Lotus said.

Troubles with the early releases of programs are not uncommon. Lotus's arch-rival, Microsoft, had a similar embarrassment last year when a major mistake was discovered in Microsoft Word, a word-processing program.

The Lotus situation comes at a time when Lotus is scheduled to introduce its newest programme, Signal, a stock market tracking system.

Lotus said it became aware of the Symphony problem after users – primarily managers in large corporations – complained that some data disappeared when they performed common tasks on the program's spreadsheet, a type of electronic ledger. The tasks include inserting data into columns or rows of the spreadsheet, deleting data, or moving numbers between sections.

The company recommended that until the program was corrected users store their worksheets in the computer's memory before performing any of those operations. Lotus officials acknowledged that taking such precautions would slow the work drastically.

Contracting to grow bigger

The European computer empire strikes back. At least, the French group Thomson, Italian giant Olivetti and Britain's little Acorn company are combining to develop a standard for educational microcomputers in a small but significant bid to stop the onslaught of Japanese and American companies.

This tripartite technological grouping indicates a new mood among manufacturers: the recognition that it is only by collaboration at corporate level that they can tackle the Japanese effectively.

The Japanese, in particular, rapidly form new commercial partnerships to strengthen contract bids. One company will act as primary contractor, with the others supplying a supporting role. And they never consciously have one Japanese group competing with another for an overseas contract. So it may be that the Thomson-Olivetti-Acorn partnership could provide this blueprint which will enable European interests to weld its industrial and intellectual muscle into a cohesive marketing force.

The French, curiously enough, have recognized the problem for some time and despite their obvious nationalism have been one of the driving forces in forging European partnerships.

The Acorn European venture is modest and does not promise much except that the group will attempt to develop a standard for educational microcomputers by the end of the decade and which could be used as the foundation for a European microcomputer family.

While none of the partners will give a commitment to developing such a family of products, the only way that the standard developed by the group could be accepted by the industry is in the form of a product.

Acorn, having recovered from its financial problems of earlier in the year, seems confident that this European partnership can match anything emerging from the Atlantic or the Pacific basins.

That confidence is not misplaced. A report by consultants PA Technology last week reminded the British of their talents. The PA researchers said: "There is an opportunity here for Britain to gain a competitive advantage. We don't have a problem with the quality of graduates in the UK, but it will take 10 years before we can benefit from tinkering with the quantity. What we must do instead is make far better use of the skilled people we have, and that means organizing ourselves more effectively".

"Companies throughout the world are placing increased emphasis on the need to innovate successfully and maintain competitive advantage through technological change." PA Technology also stress that equally important as the new technologies is the absolute necessity for a flow of trained staff able to meet predetermined objectives.

Now it is up to UK industrialists to respond in force to a European collaborative call. In the second week in October delegates from 18 European nations will assemble in London to woo the British and attempt to get them to lower their research barriers and encourage them to marry a European high-tech partner.

This will be the first conference in the UK to discuss the concept of the Eureka high technology research effort. The French have already committed £84 million and the West German more than £250 million – all from government coffers.

The Acorn partnership proves that European marriages can be consummated. It will be emphasised by the plans of Robb Wilmot, ICL's microchip guru, who is currently scouring Europe to raise the finance and the political backing for a European microchip manufacturing company to challenge the Japanese and the Americans. The custom microchip market is expected to be worth about £6,000 million a year by the end of the decade and the Europeans seem determined to control a substantial proportion of that market – not only by putting up trade barriers, but by making sure that its electronic manufacturers are supplied from a reliable indigenous industry.

The European microchip venture – called European Silicon Structures – is also credited to France. An executive of the European arm of semiconductor giant Motorola Jean-Luc Grand-Clement was the initiator of the project and was soon joined by Britain's Wilmot. More than US$4 millions has already been raised from some European venture capital groups. About another US$70 million will be needed for the venture and the idea is to try to tempt the European electronic giants to take a stake.

The Dutch-based electronics giant Phillips, Olivetti and the German telecommunications group Siemens are favoured partners and a British company will undoubtedly be sought to join them.

So the European high-tech empire is all set to strike back.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Corresponent

Japanese quietly waiting to conquer

By Geof Wheelwright

The predictions of imminent Japanese domination of the UK home-micro industry celebrated their second birthday last week as retailers looked forward to another Christmas season of pitching the best of British against the so-far largely unsuccessful Japanese MSX home computers.

But there should be little smugness about this turn of events as the Japanese have indicated they are in the home-micro business to stay – and that they may well be willing to sit out a period in which domestic micro manufacturers seriously damage themselves in price wars before Japanese MSX companies move into the market in earnest.

Kay Nishi, the man who heads the MSX standard, predicted last month in London that the MSX group, which includes such major Japanese manufacturer's as Toshiba, Hitachi, Mitsubishi, Yamaha, Canon and Sony, will then move toward making home-computer technology as acceptable and desired as home stereos and televisions.



Kay Nishi: No great hurry

In fact, it could well be television technology that makes microcomputers a truly mass-market product for Japanese companies. Mr Nishi said MSX companies are working on ways of actually incorporating microcomputer integrated circuits inside the television itself. This would mean that you would only have to buy an inexpensive plug-in keyboard for the TV to have a full-functional home computer.

Mr Nishi suggests that integrating the television and computer manufacturing processes should lower the cost of production and that making computer operations an optional extra with the purchase of a TV should encourage greater use of home computers.

But MSX manufacturers hope that their machines will still be thought of as a good deal more than "goodies" to stick on a TV. Mr Nishi claims: "MSX is far more than games machines. It forms the core of a whole new dimension in computer control both in industry and in the home.

MSX will become the basis in industrial control, robotics and manufacturing – as well as home information and video systems."

The MSX group went part of the way down this road by announcing an "expanded specification" for its computers. The new specifications give the MSX machines clearer pictures, the ability to display more colours, higher speeds of operation, better music-making and more computer memory.

Is all this enough to stand up to the likes of Sinclair, Commodore and Amstrad? Sinclair, despite its financial difficulties, is still said to have more than 40 per cent of the UK home-computer market, by volume, and is reported to be increasing that margin with now-brisk sales on the cut-price QL.

Commodore is set to compete in the 128K market with its C128 machine alongside a better-bundled Commodore 64.

For Mr Nishi and the rest of the MSX group, however, there seems no great hurry. They seem confident that the market for their computers will come in time.

Hopes of more jobs as IT builds up

Fears that information technology will lead to a small technical elite with jobs leaving many of the population unemployed may be unfounded, according to West German researchers.

The numbers of printers, mechanics and secretaries in West Germany have been growing even though the workforce in those areas might have been expected to dwindle as electronics took over.

Gerhard Ulrich, of the West German Institute for Labour Market Research, told a joint British-West German conference in Nuremberg last week that he foresees more jobs in making components, research and development, planning, data protection, software development and areas such as banking and insurance as they extend their services. He saw no link between information technology and unemployment.

Neither need the new jobs be beyond the capabilities of workers who have old manual skills, said Fritz Hoiczyk, of the Federal Labour Institute.

A former locksmith and a former builder, for example, have become specialists in numerical control using computers, and he expected that machines would become simpler to use as the technology developed.

However, West German optimism on information technology as a source of jobs contrasts with British doubts.

"The job-creating potential is very limited indeed", Amin Rajan of the Institute of Manpower Studies at Sussex University, told the conference. He said British companies showed a definite tendency towards labour saving. Banking, one of the areas where jobs have been growing in both countries, would stop adding to numbers and perhaps shed some of its workforce unless a big rise in spending brought more demand, he said.

In the past decade an 8 per cent growth in demand for services had brought 3 per cent more jobs, but for that increase to be kept up growth would have to rise towards 12 per cent.

JOB SCENE

By Anne Warden

Plessey launches its voice-data link line

By Danny Green

Today Plessey launches equipment to set up a private national data network that can link people and computers irrespective of how far apart they are.

It can carry voice and data on the same phone lines. A stockbroker, for example, could call up share information from a remote database using a special phone, and talk to a client on the same phoneline.

The move is intended to strengthen the company's already dominating position in the big private-switchboard market and go some way to compensate for the dull prospects of its huge public switchboard, System X.

The equipment, called ISDX, conforms to the international ISDN standard. ISDN – integrated service digital network – has been designed by an international committee to work with different terminals – computers, phones, facsimile and many others – at the same time.

It also brings the latest digital technology to some of Britain's biggest organizations: the Bank of England and BBC's Broadcasting House, for example, recently had to buy old-fashioned analogue switchboards simply because no digital one was big enough. ISDN switchboards can cope happily with more than 3,000 incoming lines.

It should also find home and export markets quicker than is usually possible in telecom-

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The purrfect robot is here



From Richard Pawson
San Francisco

Forget K-9 – the first real robot pet will be feline, and it will feature in Britain's toyshops this Christmas for less than £100.

The Petsters are the latest brainchild of Nolan Bushnell, the man who has already made two fortunes – from Atari and the Pizza Time restaurant chain – and then lost one with his first venture into personal robotics, Androbot.

At the second International Personal Robotics conference in San Francisco, he claimed to be the victim of divine retribution for attempting to create an artificial man. By going for lesser mortals like cats and dogs, the modern Prometheus thinks he can get away with it.

The first two robot cats, Petster and Petster Deluxe, are projected to achieve first-year sales of up to $20 million (about £15 million) for Axlon, his new company. "The main problem facing the personal robot is the disparity between public perception and technological capability. The public has lower expectations of a robot cat than of an android. "They don't ask 'what can it do?', they want to know if it is going to be a fun companion", he said.

Accordingly, most of the Petsters' development has centred on emulating that sense of fun. The furry robot can run around, play games with its owner and its sound sensors are accurate enough to find its owner when beckoned nine times out of 10.

The various operating modes are activated by clapping your hands: one clap wakes up the cat, two means "come here", three for "go away" and so on. The owner can select a personality from: happy, angry, sad or pensive: and the robot will gyrate in time to music.

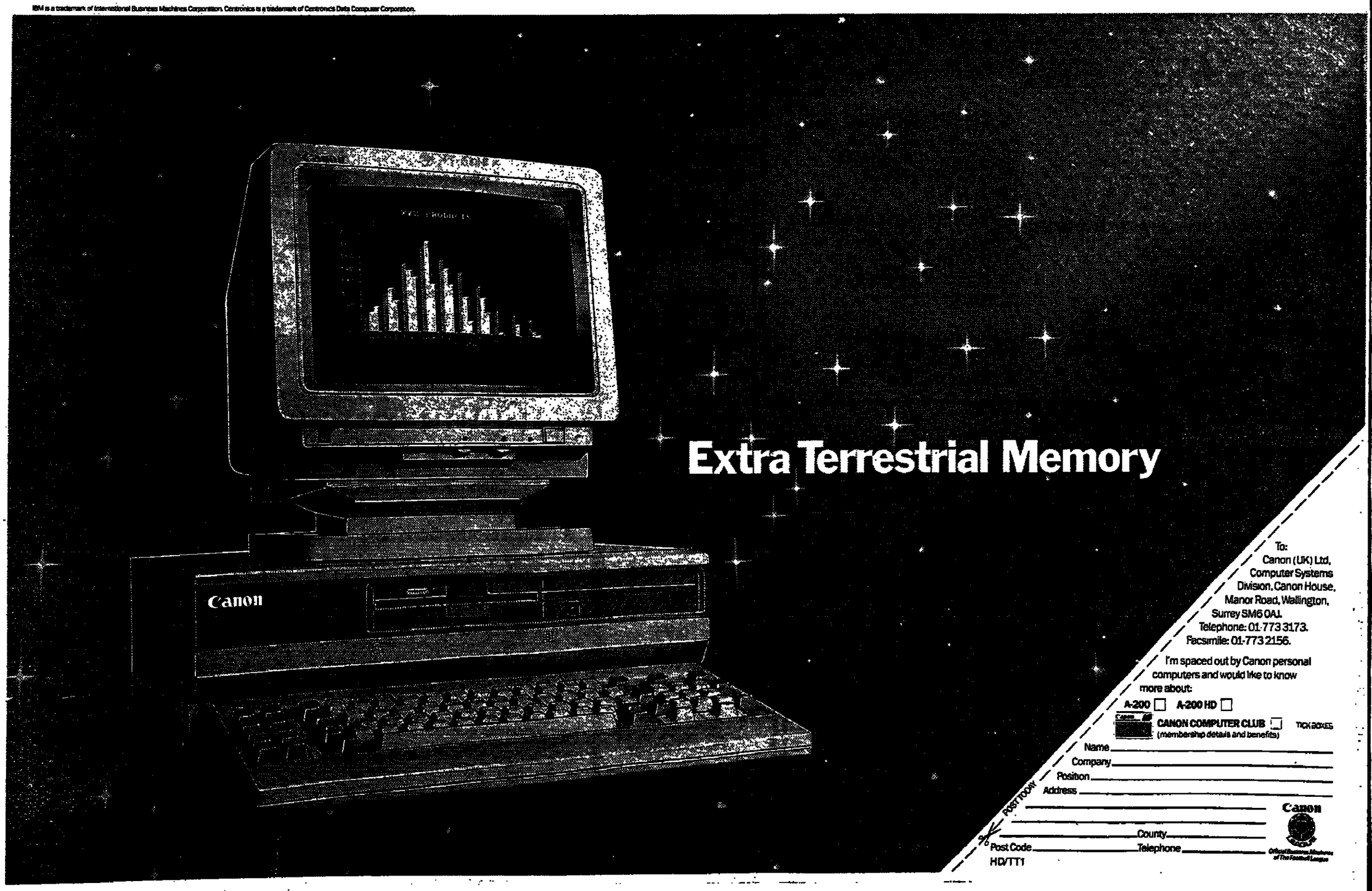
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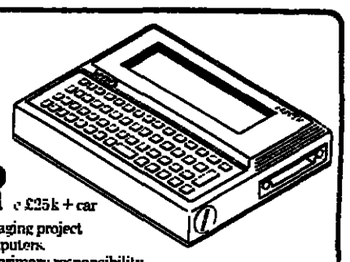
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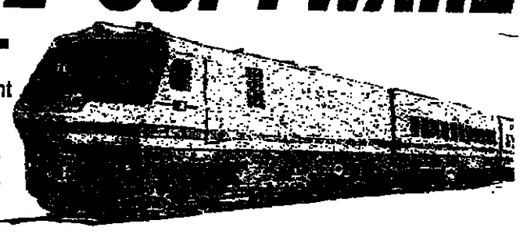
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Plessey launches voice linkline

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munications. Users of Plessey's big-selling IDX digital switchboard, which has been sold in a dozen countries, can, says Plessey's John Hooley, be upgraded to the new ISDX by spending an extra 10 per cent over their existing capital outlay."

But ISDX runs through British Telecom lines using a signalling standard that does not fit exactly with the official ISDN, although it is technically ahead of European equivalents that do. This would prevent the setting-up of international ISDN links, which defeats one of the objectives of creating ISDN.

The in-service life of private telephone switchboards (PABX) has fallen from 15 years to eight since 1970 as microchips began to be used. Recent market reports suggest that the next big wave of buying will happen three to five years from now as ISDN gains popularity. Only one other company, West Germany's SEL, is selling ISDN kit and it is not approved for the UK.

Yet to sell beyond British Isles

Plessey has sold 1,600 IDXs into the 100-plus line market. That is a two-thirds share of a market which Mr Hooley estimates has doubled in size over the last two years to about 250,000 new lines annually. The company's main rivals are the Canadian Mitel, of which British Telecom is trying to win control, and the Swedish LM Ericsson.

After spending £300 million developing the huge public switchboard, System X, Plessey has yet to sell it outside the British Isles. And earlier this year British Telecom, which participated in the System X development programme, got government permission to adopt an alternative built by Ericsson called System Y.

ISDN can be used to fax documents 10 times faster than previously possible, or to transmit photovideotex – such as Prestel but with video quality pictures, for example. Mr Hooley adds: "Only 5 per cent of ISDN applications have even been thought of."

Bitter Apple as Jobs starts again

By Andrew Pollack

In his years of guiding Apple Computer, Steven Jobs had become the epitome of the American entrepreneur, a symbol of the wealth and power that can arise almost overnight in California's Silicon Valley.

Even President Reagan recently urged the nation's youth to follow in the footsteps of those two students who launched one of America's great computer firms from the garage behind their house.

The tale of Jobs' visionary leadership at Apple came to a bitter end last week when he resigned as chairman after disclosure of his plans to start a new company.

His resignation, which followed a long corporate power struggle, exemplifies a situation common to the entrepreneur: an inability to adjust as the company grows larger and the nature of the business changes.

According to numerous associates, the same vision, drive and ego that helped Jobs make Apple into a leading personal computer company also prevented his heeding the advice of others to the point that Apple is in worse financial shape than ever.

He trusted only himself to be the high leader, said Stephen Wozniak, who founded Apple with Jobs in 1976 and has since seen his relations sour with his former partner.

Wozniak, who left Apple in February to form his own company, said that Jobs could never see himself in second place and that his devotion to pet projects made it difficult for him to make commonsense business decisions.

Jobs, a millionaire many times over at 30, lost operating authority in the spring, but remained its largest shareholder. His impatience with this reduced role led him, in the best Silicon Valley spirit, to do what entrepreneurs do best: start a new company. It was this action that caused the final rift with Apple's current management.

Silicon Valley has had its share of instant successs and sudden failures. Nolan Bushnell had to leave Atari as it grew larger and more complex; and Adam Osborne left Osborne Computer in a dispute with the management brought in to run the growing company. Both companies subsequently collapsed.

Apple is not considered to be in danger though some analysts say the company's weakened condition may make it a takeover target. The job of guiding Apple now belongs more than ever to John Sculley, the president and chief executive recruited from Pepsico two years ago by Jobs.

Jobs' resignation culminates a tumultuous power struggle with Sculley that began earlier this year as Apple's fortunes started to decline. It was a power struggle that Sculley has compared with a real-life version of the series *Dynasty*.



Steven Jobs: Saying a sour goodbye to Apple

Jobs courted Sculley in hopes of providing Apple with a more experienced manager and for the first year they appeared to be in harmony.

But as Apple's financial position took a turn for the worse, Sculley came under increasing pressure to exert that seasoned authority and he seized control.

Jobs fought to regain his company by trying to enlist the board's help but by May, Sculley outmanoeuvred Jobs and the board relieved him of his operating responsibilities, leaving him just the title of chairman.

Jobs' resignation was precipitated by his dispute over plans to start a company making unspecified computer products for the higher education market – which is one of Apple's strongholds. Jobs' plan to hire five Apple employees also riled the company.

Jobs said he was starting the new company because he no longer had any authority at Apple. "The company's recent reorganization left me with no work to do and no access even to management reports", he said in his resignation letter.

While Jobs will have plenty of money and talented people from which to draw, the odds of his starting another company of the size and success of Apple are exceedingly thin in a much more competitive market than when Apple started and it is not growing as fast. Moreover, few entrepreneurs manage to strike gold twice.

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The prize for the best journal will include Hewlett Packard's new Vectra personal computer, which is compatible with the IBM PC/AT and will run all the off-the-shelf software and hardware accesories produced for the IBM computer and its compatibles. Other prizes include portable computers, printers and crates of champagne.

Entries must be based on articles or programmes printed or broadcast between November 1 1984 and October 31 1985. Final entry date is October 31. Winners will be announced on November 27 at an awards ceremony held at Claridges when Selina Scott will make the presentations.

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Government wants the bosses to get with it

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Seventy-five per cent of the chief executives in leading companies do not believe information technology should involve them, according to a survey by consulting group PA. Most chief executives see the benefits of IT in terms of internal corporate structure, with only 30 per cent expecting IT to assist in a wider role by supporting a company's strategy or improving their competitive position.

The results of the survey were announced at the launch of a campaign – funded by the Department of Trade and Industry – called "Britain has IT" and aimed at encouraging greater use of automation in the office. Briefings are to be held around Britain during the next six months.

According to PA's project director Colin Leeson: "The people who run Britain's top companies still see IT as the domain of boffins and administrators. Corporations should be building IT into their business strategies as competitive weapons, not looking upon it simply as a way of speeding up accounts or automating the typing pool.

Protecting whom?

The term "price protection", as used in the retailing business, is becoming particularly poignant among computer dealers. Price protection is supposed to prevent retailers being out of pocket when prices are cut by manufacturers or new models announced that make current products obsolete overnight.

The hefty price-cutting in home computers in particular can leave dealers with a stock bought at a trade price which exceeds a new retail price. Both Sinclair, which halved the price of its QL computer to £200, and Amstrad, which cut £100 off its 464, have left some dealers claiming they are considerably out of pocket.

Games in a million

The rocky razzamatazz world of computer games is bracing itself for the annual Christmas sales battle. Hoping to reverse the downward trend of the past two years, four leading games software companies have decided to put their faith in old successes.

Ocean, Software Projects, Ultimate, and US Gold are each assigning games which have "combined sales" of over a million copies, into a compilation package. Entitled "They Sold a Million", the pack will be on sale early in November at £9.95 on cassette and £12.95 on disk.

Titles included on the versions for the 48K Spectrum and Amstrad are Beach Head, Daley Thompson's Decathlon, Jet Set Willy and Atic Atac. A Commodore 64 version has Staff of Karnath instead of Atic Atac.

Plugging Unix gap

A software product that enables AT & T's Unix personal computer to run programs written for IBM PC's has been developed by Alloy Computer Products. Company president Richard Gorgens says that the inability to run programs written for IBM machines is a major weakness of the Unix system.

There are fewer than 200 software programs available for the Unix personal computer, compared with thousands for the IBM PC's. AT & T has agreed to sell the new product but it represents something of a slap in the face for the telecommunications giant which has long touted Unix as the operating system of the future because it allows several operations to occur at one time and enables users at several terminals to use a central processor.

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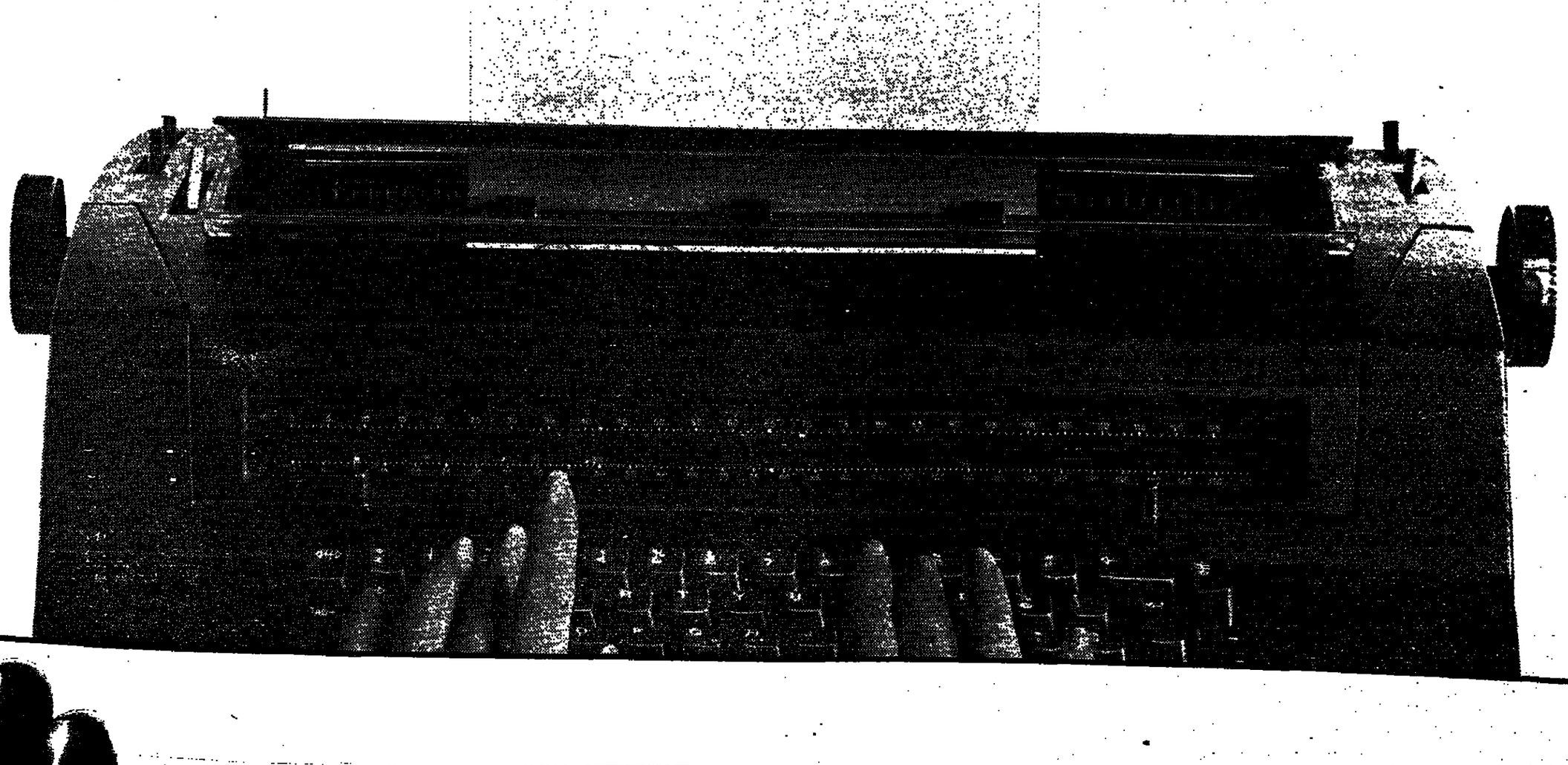
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

Germans upset standard bearers

By Kevan Pearson

The decision by the West German post office to give a massive computer contract to IBM has run into criticism as the machines involved will use IBM's own networking standard.

Critics of the deal claim it undermines attempts in Europe to establish a common standard for building computer networks called Open Systems Interconnection that will enable different brands of computer equipment to be connected together.

OSI has been adopted by most of the big computer companies, including IBM, and by the EEC and the Treasury. The Government recently allocated more than £6 million for two projects designed to help UK companies develop applications to meet OSI standards.

Both IBM and the West German post office deny that the deal undermines OSI. Both say that the OSI standard has not been fully specified yet.

IBM recently announced software products that meet part of the OSI specification designed to run on large IBM mainframes.

But parts of the OSI standard are unaccounted for in IBM's thinking. The company says it will evaluate standards for the missing bits as they are defined and "based on business considerations, will develop products supporting these layers."

IBM's commitment to OSI has been questioned before, however. When British Telecom and IBM last year announced plans for a jointly owned computer networking service, the Government rejected the proposals after many in the industry had complained.

The IBM-BT service would have been based initially on IBM's own standard.

Under the West German deal IBM will supply 400 of its 8100 series networking computers over four years for modernizing the running and administration of the country's post and telecommunications systems. British Telecom is undergoing a similar process and both IBM and ICL are involved.

In the UK a major grouping of customer associations, the National Computer Users Forum (NCUF), has urged the Government to require major operators of value added networks, such as the abandoned IBM-BT joint ventures, to comply with OSI. The NCUF claims that proprietary standards such as SNA restrict competition and hamper the development of an independent UK information technology business.

Sold! To the man who never wanted it



Complex software and large technical manuals can put off potential purchasers. But as DAVID HEWSON discovers, programs can be made just too simple

Let us imagine that people buy cars in the same way they are urged to buy certain kinds of computer software. You have your £25,000 for a new Daimler and walk into the showroom.

"Good day sir", says the salesman. "I see you have your eyes on the 12-cylinder sports special". You nod accordingly.

"But has sir really thought this through? The 12-cylinder sports special is a lovely machine capable of 155 mph. But the legal limit in this country is 70. It has two fuel tanks, which makes for twice the work at the petrol station, a tachometer, oil-pressure gauge, and lots of winking alarm lights.

"In short sir, it has a lot of excess baggage you may never use. Why not try the Bagley's special version: a two-litre engine which will take you to the legal limit comfortably, one tank, nothing but a fuel gauge and a speedometer inside, and none of that walnut stuff that needs all the polishing.

"The price? Amazingly enough, we don't even charge extra for tailoring this car to your personal requirements. You can still have it for £25,000."

No businessman would fall for that now, would he? Yet he may well walk out of the showroom and into the new computer store next door to meet the same routine with a piece of software and stump up the cash. That dread phrase "user-friendliness" has now been superseded by even more pernicious concepts – software which is "so simple you can almost run it without thinking."

Any regular reader of the specialist computer press knows the kind of advertisement, along the lines of: "Why pay hundreds of pounds for a program which is way beyond your needs when, for two-thirds of the price, we'll give you something which is dead easy to use and adequate enough for you?"

Be captivated by these siren words at your peril. They betray precisely the kind of attitude that leaves personal micros underused and misunderstood in offices throughout Britain. In the field that I know best, word processing, the latest idea seems to be a bare-bones program for about a "mere" £50 – which can just about beat the features of a modern electronic typewriter.

Composite packages of basic office programs are already appearing. One I looked at recently, Telewriter, that cost more than £200, had a glowing review in one national newspaper. But I can't help wondering whether the writer who reviewed it really looked at the product from the user's viewpoint. Telewriter is a combined word processor and communications package.

It comes in two parts – the text editor and the package that drives the modem. Both are nuts-and-bolts stuff. The text editor cannot handle double spacing with any ease, place headings and footnotes on each page, or perform sophisticated writing manoeuvres (which in my book are the only reason for writing on computer in the first place).

The communications program is just as basic. Simple enough to use, true. But there is no automatic log-on system to take one through the password procedures for Prestel, Telecom Gold or whatever, let alone a timer to carry out remote operations during off-peak phone hours.

There are no standard error-checking protocols – procedures designed to stop glitches creeping into what you send and receive – and no proper internal phone directory facility which can be edited and flicked through as one would with a proper phonebook.

Telewriter is not a bad program, but it is not particularly good either, and I should imagine that anyone who wants to write and to use communications regularly would end up having to buy something more sophisticated.

Half the problem is marketing. Another program, Comm+, produced by Lion House, took the opposite view. It was less than £200 but brimming over with so many features it was hard to appreciate them all. It needs too, a lot of hard work to understand. But once you are there it can be customized to be run by a virtual newcomer.

Why does computer software always oscillate between these two extremes? One reason, I suspect, is that computer companies, both in the hardware and software field, are more interested in seeing their products sold than used. The consumer is being unsubtly primed to regard technology as a fashionable possession, something which expresses something about his or her character, instead of what it really is: a tool.

The subliminal message behind a lot of nuts-and-bolts software is a dangerous one: buy this and you can claim to be in the computer generation without ever having had to work your way there.

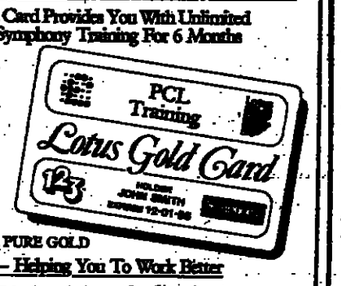
The surest sign that someone is getting value for money from a piece of technology is a recognition that the set-up you have, or maybe just your use of it, has its inadequacies. Reach that stage with nuts-and-bolts software with no unexplored corners and you will have to go out and buy the real thing after all.

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Adams aims to end career with a world championship title

Classical fighter with deadly style

It is a sad truth of modern judo that most people find it crude. The days of classical technique are over, they say. Purity of execution has been mangled by the exigencies of the modern game and any method of crashing your opponent to the ground is acceptable in order to obtain the coveted medal.

Even in Japan, the situation is no better, argue the traditional enemies of judo, the kendo fighters. Walking imperiously around the Dojo in their elegant hakama, the flowing, split trousers, and with shinai (bamboo swords) in hand, they declare that the grovelling of the judo men is an undignified manner of combat for a human being.

But few, Japanese or Western, apply those criticisms to Neil Adams from Britain. He is revered in France, one of the leading European judo nations. Each time he appears there he is greeted with cheers and often the standing ovation reserved for the French champions – and only the great French champions at that.

The Japanese are no less respectful. The last time he was in Japan, he was invited to teach his famous armlock role during the opening week of the new Kodokan, the fount of judo, an honour not accorded any other Westerner, before or since.

For Neil Adams does not grovel. He throws the best men in the world with classical techniques, the Tai-Otoshi and the Uchi-Mata, which he has tailored to suit his specific strengths. In his last big competition, the European championships in Norway in May, he took hold of the new Soviet champion and conquered him inside two minutes.

So when he steps on to the combat mat of the world championships in Seoul, South Korea on Friday in an attempt to regain his world light-middleweight title, it will almost certainly be to a warm and admiring reception.

Yet, as always, it is more difficult being a prophet in your own land. To the average British sports voyeur, Neil Adams is the judo man who was thrown by a West German in the final of the Los Angeles Olympic Games or the judo champion who had a well-publicized affair with a swimmer. But few outside the immediate judo fraternity appreciate his international status.

For over six months, Adams admits, he was plagued by the memory of the Los Angeles final, until, earlier this year, he laid the ghost by beating Frank Wienecke on his own ground in the West German Open. He went on to win his sixth European title.

The old days of training hard and socializing hard have been substituted by a quieter purposefulness.



An eyeball to eyeball confrontation as Adams gets to grips with his opponent (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

On the day he fights for the world title he celebrates his twenty-seventh birthday and, he admits, the old hunger for medals and competitive achievement is not so intense.

"I do not enjoy the training so much now – especially not when I am training like a nutcase, as I have been doing for the past few months and particularly the past few weeks."

Even when he is training at his London club, the Budokwai, the encouragement he shows to his partner can be replaced by a concentrated aggression that has brought him three world championships, two Olympic finals, 12 European championships and countless British Open and other national titles.

The atmosphere of that particular corner of the dojo changes, and his partner experience something akin to an electric charge, as powerful as a blow in the face. Just as suddenly Adams relaxes – but it is a moment that the man on the ground will never forget. It is a feeling that a host of fighters coming into the international arena, have experienced.

"Judo at the top level is a hard physical contact sport, and I sometimes think we must all be a little mad to go through what we do," Adams says. Just how committed Adams is to his own conditioning can be seen by the fact that in recent tests on the British team, even the younger members could not match his overall fitness.

His level of skill and tactical sense is also without its equal in this country. Though everyone in the judo world knows his moves, and all his opponents have spent hours poring over videos, his classical throws still prove effective. And in the holds, the strangles, and especially the armlocks – there is no-one in the world who is prepared to pit their wits against him.

But there remains the great enigma. Why is it that, when the world knows that he is arguably the most accomplished all-round judo fighter the West has produced for at least the period of two Olympiads, he has only won one title from two Olympic Games and two world championships?

"Judo is one of the hardest sports to be consistent in because it is so demanding," Adams says. "You need speed, skill, a high level of physical conditioning – and, technically, it is the most complex sport I know. Technically, it is advancing more quickly than any other sport – you are always seeing new things which have been adapted from free style wrestling or the Russian wrestling style, Sambo, or from existing judo moves. You can suddenly be confronted with one of these new ideas and have to respond immediately – and the slightest miscalculation can result in instant defeat: judo is very much a sudden death sport."

But all this cannot compare with the enormous pressure that lies upon his shoulders every time he steps on the mat: it is this, more than anything, that has resulted in a mental stress which has tripped up Adams in a way no other can do.

In the final of the world championships in 1983, against the Japanese, Nobutoshi Hikage, I got a terrible shock right at the beginning, because he was much stronger than I expected. In the final of the Los Angeles Olympics, in that same first exchange, I just couldn't imagine Wienecke throwing me but he did.

"I can only hope I have learnt from both occasions – I may have to face one or both of them in Seoul – but in all honesty, I won't know until the end of the competition. I know I want that gold medal, though I also know that I mustn't want it too much. But it would be nice to end a career with a world championship title."

Whatever happens in Seoul, and afterwards, Adams will be remembered above all as a fighter of swift and deadly style, and an inventor of a range of deft groundwork moves that have been given the ultimate accolade of being imitated the world over.

Philip Nicksan

YACHTING

Americans send out 'panzers'

From Keith Wheatley, Perth

Yachting's equivalent of a Panzer division has arrived in Australia. Two 12-meter yachts, US42 and US44, three support boats, three masts and seven containers of gear have just reached Perth addressed to the New York Yacht Club. Fifty crewmen and technicians flew in at the weekend. The battle to regain the America's Cup is on.

From next Monday the New York team will train and sail six days a week in the rough seas off Fremantle, the port 10 miles from Perth where the Cup races will begin in October next year.

The sudden dismissal in New York over the weekend of John Kolius, the syndicate's Olympic helmsman, is a mystery to the Perth base camp. "We have no reaction because we don't know the full story," the project manager, Arthur Wullschleger, said. "We don't know whether he's gone or he hasn't." Most of his information is coming from the Australian media, not from head office in Newport, Rhodes Island.

Shipping boats and equipment alone cost the NYYC $300,000 – one way. "When it comes to logistics we work on the 'barren rock' principle," Wullschleger, a textile tycoon from North Carolina, said. "That is, we're going sailing on a bare rock where there is no 12-meter gear. So we bring it all with us."

US42 sailed off Fremantle last southern hemisphere summer. She was nicknamed "The Lego Boat" because of having a series of different keels. US44 was launched at Easter and has had trials off Rhode Island since then. Reports have her indifferently fast and the club will build a third boat in December. Their total budget is $12.3 million.

Neither boat had a keel visible during unloading but US44 had the area around the rudder post shrouded in a plywood box. The NYYC parried questions, but an enlarged bustle to give stern lift downwind is the expert guess about what the secret is.

Meanwhile Alan Bond's new boat, Australia III, will be launched on Friday, the second anniversary of winning the America's Cup. She is designed by Ben Lexcen, creator of the famous winged keel. He admits he is still working in that area but beyond that will say nothing.

The new 12-metre is to be presented to the public at a gala occasion on the jetty of the Royal Perth Yacht Club, now the home of the America's Cup. Bond's wife, Eileen, will launch the yacht.

By late next month syndicates from the United States, Canada, Italy and France are expected to be sailing off Fremantle. There are also three Australian syndicates who hope to defend the Cup already out on the water, with one more building a new boat.

Britain and New Zealand are expected to be the last teams to arrive, early next year. However, last week's announcements in London from the Challenge syndicate earned respect here that the old country will launch a serious effort to win the Cup.

The skipper, Harold Cudmore, and the designer, Ian Howlett, are regarded as among the top echelon of 12-metre people. Any team with them on board has credibility, even with the New York Yacht Club.

Footballer killed

Sydney (AFP) – Phil O'Connor, capped 20 times for the Australian football team, was killed in a car crash near Sydney yesterday. Born in England, where he played for Luton Town while a teenager, O'Connor emigrated 15 years ago

ICE SKATING

Exciting newcomer with derring-do

By John Hennessy

Although the men's entry for the St Ivel ice international from today until Thursday is exceptionally strong the women's event will carry special interest for British followers of figure skating. We can expect triple axels galore from the likes of Brian Orser (Canada), Grzegorz Filipowski (Poland) and Falko Kirsten (E Germany), but these are familiar faces, welcome but well worn.

Debi Thomas, however, is an exciting newcomer to the world skating scene and we can take vicarious pleasure in the fact that her mentor is an ebullient expatriate Briton, Alex McGowan, now rooted in San Francisco. McGowan guided his 18 year-old pupil to a stunning fifth place at her first appearance in the world championship last season.

Miss Thomas's other claims to special attention are her position, newly achieved, at Stanford University. Her background is unprivileged but McGowan can compensate for that, so far as skating is concerned, since he owns a rink and is able to provide ice for her every afternoon and evening when school is over.

Her main strength is her jumping, for her long programme would ordinarily include five triples, though it may be too early in the season for such displays of derring-do. It will be disappointing, however, if she does not produce the difficult double loop triplei toe loop combination in this evening's short programme.

If Miss Thomas, now lying fourth in the world with the retirement of Tiffany Chin, the American champion, is the obvious favourite for the women's events this week, the comparative form of two British skaters, Susan Jackson and Joanne Conway, will be illuminating. Miss Jackson, champion these last two years, is now 20 and may find that time is running out for her. Miss Conway, on the other hand, is still a junior of only 14, for all her mature ice persona, and now that she has been admitted to the influential academy of skating presided over by Carlo and Christa Fassi in Colorado, her opportunities are boundless.

Miss Conway, by common consent, is the most promising woman skater this country has produced for many years (ice dancers, of course, excepted) and her first appearance in the British championship in November is awaited with special relish. By then she will have evolved a new programme to music more appropriate to her needs than that which she now uses.



Jackson: time running out

Surveying the rest of the scene in British terms, Mother Hubbard would experience an attack of *déjà vu*. Charles Wildridge, a 15 year-old Londoner, with the parental wherewithal to provide private education to dovetail with his skating, is certainly high in potential, too, though he will surely have to wait a little longer.

Ice dance, for many years the jewel in the British crown, is at a low ebb now that Slater and Barber have followed the incomparable Torvil and Dean into retirement. Sharron Jones and Paul Askham, trained by Slater's mother, Joan, are the heirs presumptive but their fifteenth placing in the world championships last season is an unlikley springboard to the summit.

The Paris event remains the Cinderella of British skating. Lisa Cushley and her brother, Neil, will expect to win the British title again in November and to be allowed, as they were not last year, to plunge into international competition, but their horizon must be limited.

The St Ivel evening programmes, enlivened by exhibitions from the present world ice dance champions, Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, feature the three short programmes tonight, the original set pattern dance and free skating for women and pairs tomorrow, and, finally, the free dance and men's free skating on Thursday.

BASKETBALL

Palace face action over coach

By Nicholas Harling

Once irrefutably the top club in the British game, Crystal Palace now find themselves with a variety of problems and the season barely begun. Knocked out of the Prudential National Cup by the rejuvenated Portsmouth squad on Friday, Palace returned home on Saturday to be beaten at the National Recreation Centre by Happy Eater Bracknell in their first Carlsberg National League game.

Not only that, but Palace, who failed to make a Wembley appearance last season for the first time, now face disciplinary action for playing their 37-year-old American coach, Jim Guymon, who had been refused a player's licence a few days before by the English Basket Ball Association. Guymon, who had not played a National League game since his last appearance for Worthing three years ago, came out of retirement to score 10 points, because Palace were without their new American, Bubba Jennings, who had flown back to Texas, where he is hoping to make the grade this week with Dallas Mavericks in the National Basketball Association.

Knowing that Jennings was returning to America, possibly only for a week if he fails to earn selection, Palace had asked the EBBA if Guymon could be registered. "They were in touch but we told them they couldn't license three Americans, Jennings, Guymon and Tom Seaman." Peter Draper, the EBBA's administration officer, explained yesterday. "Our regulations don't permit it. A team can have only two foreigners at any one time."

Draper would not say what Palace's punishment might be, but there was a precedent two years ago when Leicester were deducted a point – that ultimately cost them a place in the national championship play-offs – for playing Ken Pemberton, who was ineligible at the time.

Palace, who are still searching for a major sponsor to tide them over until their move to London Docklands in two years, will be in more trouble if Jennings is wanted by Dallas Mavericks. The scorer of 43 points in the defeat at Portsmouth, where Palace had led by nine at the interval, the 5ft 10in guard, who narrowly failed to make America's last Olympic squad, is obviously an invaluable asset. Without him the following night, and with Guymon restricted by influenza, Palace succumbed 97-87 to Bracknell, who were inspired by Scantlebury.

The past year spent developing his game at Winthrop College, South Carolina, has obviously done the 21-year-old Englishman a world of good. "I've learned a lot, I've become more patient," Scantlebury said after scoring 28 points for Bracknell, whose potency on the fast break devastated Palace.

It was not until 30 minutes before the start that Andy Brown, Bracknell's coach, learned that Jennings, over whom he had drooled a Portsmouth, would not be among the opposition.

Like Guymon, Mark Stevens of HomeSpare Bolton was another American coach in trouble, incurring two technicals in the second half of the home defeat by Sharp Manchester United. There was little in it when Stevens stepped out of line, but with the help of the subsequent free shots, United opened up a gap that brought them victory by 93-73.

Portsmouth, meanwhile, continued their rampaging start to the season on Saturday, Sperrings Solent Stars going much the same way in the league as Palace had done in the cup, beaten 83-68.

BOXING

Reggae is counted out

By Bryan Stiles

Spectators will have to dance to a different beat at the shows of the London promoter, Frank Warren, in future. Reggae music is to be replaced by national anthems for championship bouts as Warren aims to avoid the scenes which spoilt last week's British heavyweight title bout at Alexandra Palace for many of the crowd.

Warren agreed with Ray Clarke, the secretary of the Boxing Board of Control, at a London press conference yesterday that the reggae music he plays at his shows could have inflamed the passions of supporters unused to attending boxing matches, causing them to block the aisles and prevent those in top-priced seats seeing Hughroy Currie take the title by beating Funso Banjo.

Warren also promised to increase the security for his next promotion, the world featherweight title contest, when Pat Cowdell attempts to dethrone Azumah Nelson at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre next month. He will ban standing at his shows and not allow entry to people who appear to have been drinking.

Clarke feels it is unlikely the board will take any action against the promoter for the scenes at Alexandra Palace, when he informs them of the measures the promoter will take in future.

Man in charge

Isidro Rodriguez, of Venezuela, will referee the Barry McGuigan-Bernard Taylor WBA world featherweight title contest at the King's Hall, Belfast on Saturday (George Ace writes). The judges are Marco Rodriguez from Mexico, and Franco Priami, from Montebello, Italy. Fernando Galindez also of Venezuela, is the supervisor, appointed by the WBA.

Moving a bout

Berne (Reuter) – Enrico Scacchia, of Switzerland, will now challenge the European light-middleweight boxing champion, Georg Steinherr, of West Germany, in Geneva on November 30. The organizers had said earlier the title bout would be on November 14 or 21.

FOOTBALL: FIFA GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT COMPETITION CAN GO AHEAD NEXT SUMMER

World Cup plans unaffected by earthquakes in Mexico

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Next summer's World Cup finals will be staged as planned in Mexico. FIFA announce their decision yesterday after receiving assurances that neither the 12 stadiums to be used in the competition, nor the hotels which are to accommodate officials, media and supporters, had been seriously damaged by the series of earthquakes.

Guillermo Canedo, the president of the Mexican organizing committee, attended the meeting in Zurich which had been arranged merely to review the progress of the extensive preparations. Although he was in Spain when the first earthquake struck, he told FIFA that his country is "still capable" of staging the tournament.

After recieving confirmation from the football authorities in Mexico, Joseph Blatter, FIFA's secretary, said that no plans will be made even to send a team to inspect the relevant areas. FIFA's next visit will be to the capital on December 15, the day of the draw for the finals.

Italy, the holders, will therefore open their defence and the event itself on May 31 in the Aztec Stadium that stands on the southern outskirts of Mexico City. The magnificent arena, which was being refurbished during lat summer's tournament involving England, Mexico, Italy and West Germany, will also be the venue for the final on June 29.

Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, and Hermann Neuberger, the chairman of the organizing committee, have both sent messages of sympathy to the stricken nation. They, more than most, will have been relieved to hear that, in spite of the extent of the destruction, Mexico remains determined to act as hosts.

Dr Volker Himmelseher is another who has been spared weeks, if not months, of onerous work as well. He is a West German broker who negotiated the insurance deal that covered the finals against any possible disruption. The deal covered setbacks ranging from policital revolution and legal action to volcanic eruption and earthquakes.

FIFA, who expect the tournament to gross £50 million in gate receipts, television fees, and advertising, has insured it for that amount.



Stainrod: short stay at Wednesday

Stainrod in £250,000 transfer to Villa

Aston Villa have signed Sheffield Wednesday's Simon Stainrod for £250,000. Stainrod played only nine full games for the Yorkshire club after joining them from Queen's Park Rangers for a then club record fee of £260,000 in February.

The Sheffield-born forward had looked set to join Barcelona, but the Spanish club changed their minds over the form of payment after the fee had been agreed. He said: "I am a centre forward who gets stuck in, and who has a bit of ability on the ball as well, and I am very much looking forward to playing with Andy Gray with his cut-and-thrust style".

Stainrod is Villa's second major signing of the season, Steve Hodge having joined the club for £400,000 from Nottingham Forest.

The Villa manager, Graham Turner, said: "I think he has got immense ability and he is a tremendously gifted player, who has perhaps lost his way a little bit since the departure of Terry Venables from QPR. I always felt he was a player of ability and very much a crowd pleaser."

Stainrod could come into contention for a place in Villa's side for the Milk Cup game at Exeter tomorrow.

● Stuart Morgan, the assistant manager at Bournemouth, has been named as the manager of Torquay United, taking over from John Sims, who was dismissed after 33 days in charge.

● Wolverhampton Wanderers have announced the appointment of Gordon Dimbleby, the West Bromwich Albion executive secretary, as chief executive.

POWERBOATING

S Africa event may be a casualty

By Bryan Stiles

The South African Formula One Grand Prix is almost certain to cancelled seven weeks before it was due to be staged in Durban. The main reason for the cancellation is that some countries, including Sweden and Italy, will not issue visas for their drivers to take part in sports events in South Africa.

M Jules Mawet, the secretary general of the UIM, the sport's world governing body, has called a meeting of his management committee for today in Brussels and they will make the formal decision to call off the Grand prix. Even though M Mawet refused to confirm the cancellation last night, the formula one drivers were told at the Italian Grand Prix in Milan at the weekend that their services would not be required in South Africa for the event on November 10.

"We will be considering this problem at the meeting because we have some governments who do not allow their people to go to South Africa for boat racing," he said.

Only the Spanish Grand Prix now remains to be contested in the series and this has been switched from October 3 to November 2.

The championship has already been decided, with Bob Spalding of Ipswich, having secured the title by gaining second place in the Italian Grand Prix. Spalding, who last won the world title in 1980, will now concentrate on improving the world placing of Bertil Wik, his partner in the Percival-Hodges team. Wik, from Sweden, is lying joint third with 30 points, while Ben Robertson, of the United States, is second with 39 points. If Wik collects the nine points for winning in Seville and Robertson fails to secure any then the Swede will become joint runner-up in his first season in formula one racing.

TENNIS

Whichello creates better impression

Richard Whichello saved two match points before reaching the second round of the Refuge Assurance National Championships at Telford yesterday. In beating David Ison 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 the 18-year-old was able to put aside the unhappy memory of this event a year ago when his behaviour led to his being suspended from British events for three months and having all financial help cut off.

Whichello, who now faces the No 4 seed, Jonathan Smith, said: "I was badly shaken up by everything that happened a year ago and I left the British scene altogether for a couple of months and took myself off to Spain. But then I was chosen to go to the United States and my career began to pick up again.

"I've tried hard since then to keep my temperament in check and I think I have succeeded."

Having lost the first set, Whichello faced anxious moments at 4-5 down in the second with Ison holding two match points. Each time, however, he failed to return fierce serves from the Kent left-hander who visibly gained in confidence once he had forced the set to the tie-break. He took this easily at 7-2 and was then cushioned by a 4-1 lead in the final set.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: J Whiteford bt M Appleton, 6-3, 6-2; J Turner bt P Hughesman, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; S Herron bt H Backer, 6-4, 6-4; R Whichello bt D Ison, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; Brice bt I Clarke 6-2, 6-4; J Dier bt D Shaw, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: G Coles bt C Bhagwandas, 6-0, 6-2; J Langstaff bt A Nicpol, 6-1, 6-0; V Lake bt S Byrne, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; J Griffiths bt A Fleming, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; J Caplin bt C Bateman, 6-2, 6-4; E Jones bt V Sims, 6-3, 6-1; S Walpole bt C Billingham, 7-5, 6-3; C Berry bt A Grant, 6-2, 6-0.

QUEEN'S CLUB: Nestlé British Junior Championships: Boys' semi-finals: D Ali (Eng) bt T Harkness (Ire) 6-2, 6-1; A Fisher (Wal) bt M Watt (Sco) 6-3, 6-2. Finals: Ali bt Fisher 6-4, 6-1. Third-place play-off: Watt bt Harkness 6-1, 7-5. Girls' semi-finals: A Fleming (Eng) bt A Lockhart (Sco) 6-0, 6-0; S Loosemore (Wal) bt S Kaytar (Ire) 6-1, 6-2. Final: Fleming bt Loosemore 6-0, 6-4. Third-place play-off: Lockhart bt Kaytar 6-2, 6-0.

TENNIS: Three British officials have been appointed for the Davis Cup world zone semi-final between West Germany and Czechoslovakia in Frankfurt from October 4 to 6. The Wimbledon referee, Alan Mills, is in charge and the umpires are Peter Webster (Salisbury) and Malcolm Huntington (York).

● Paul Annacone (United States) won his first Grand Prix title when he defeated Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 in the final of the Los Angeles tournament.

MOTOR RACING

Bell and his partner kept waiting

Derek Bell, of Britain, and Hans Stuck, of West Germany, won the Shell Gemini 1,000 kilometre race – a round of the world endurance championship – at Brands Hatch on Sunday, but must wait two weeks to find out if they are champions.

Bell, from Pagham, Sussex, and his partner brought their Rothmans Porsche 9620 to the finishing line after nearly six hours of racing only 12 seconds in front of the similar car of team-mates Jacky Ickx, of Belgium, and Jochen Mass, of West Germany.

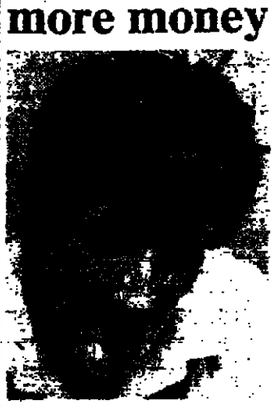
While Bell, who was driving the car at the finish, celebrated victory, he was told he would have to wait to find out if he and Stuck were joint world sports car champions. With the final round of the series in Australia cancelled, teams have to wait until October 4 to see if FISA, the governing body of motor sport, will allow a race in Malaysia at the end of November to count.

If not, Bell and Stuck cannot be beaten even if Ickx and Mass win the penultimate round in Japan next month. "It's not really the way I want it to be," Bell said. "I want to know if I'm champion."

MOTOR RACING: Alain Prost, the French Formula One driver and world championship leader, has been charged with speeding and could lose his driving licence for up to six months.

CRICKET

Australians want more money



Lawson: in negotiations

Sydney, (AP) – Australian Test players, Allan Border, Geoff Lawson and Andrew Hilditch, have failed to reach agreement in their negotiations with the Australian Cricket Board on contracts for the 1985-86 season. The players met ACB officials in Sydney at the weekend and left the meeting with the matter unresolved.

They will meet again this Friday against a background clouded by the tour of South Africa by Kim Hughes's team of "rebel" Australians.

The three realize that the Australian cricketers going to South Africa will be receiving payments over two years of about US$135,000 (approx £100,000) each. The trio are pressing for increased payments. Australia go to New Zealand in February for a three-Test series.

● Malcolm Marshall, the West Indian fast bowler, has rejected an offer to play for the Australian state side, Queensland, in the Sheffield Shield. Marshall has returned to the Caribbean to prepare for England's tour of West Indies next year.

● HARARE – Young Australia grafted their way to a draw against Zimbabwe here yesterday after three days of unhurried cricket. (AAP reports).

Young Australia scored 272 for nine wickets to add to 175 on the first day. Zimbabwe had replied with 345, a first innings lead of 170.

● Sussex have granted Imran Khan, the Pakistan Test all-rounder a benefit in 1987. Imran joined Sussex from Worcestershire in 1977 and after a shin injury handicapped him for two years, he was back in his best form this summer, finishing high in the national batting and bowling averages.

CRICKET: West Indies, India and Pakistan will meet in the Rothmans Challenge Cup at Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, on November 15. It will feature three one-day matches

Rideout finds his mark in Italy

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

It was a triumphant Italian Sunday for Paul Rideout, who joined Bari this season from Aston Villa. He scored both his team's goals in a 2-0 win against the high-flying Roma, who had recently beaten Bari there 1-0 in the Italian Cup. Gordon Cowans, recovering from a broken leg, was not playing. Only a week earlier, Rideout had been kept off the field until the second-half against Sampdoria, who beat Bari in Genoa.

Tomorrow sees an abundance of significant, even fascinating, World Cup qualifying matches in Europe. In Valencia, Spain must beat Iceland to ensure their qualification for Mexico. A draw would eliminate them; and with the return for Iceland of the splendid Sigurvinsson, in such fine attacking form this season for VB Stuttgart, Spain's victory can be no more than a racing certainty, even if Iceland have lost both their previous away games in the group.

Over the day's activity hangs the result of the recent friendly match in Copenhagen between Denmark and Sweden. The Swedes won, cataclysmically, 3-0, and if we are to take that result at its face value, Denmark in Group Six have little hope against the Soviet Union, while Sweden, at home to West Germany in Group Two, should prevail. That group also sees a fascinating match between Czechoslovakia and Portugal, each still in contention for at least second place. Portugal, under the new management of Torres, their World Cup centre-forward in 1966, are, like the Czechs, an improved team.

Prebend Elkjaer, the Danish centre-forward from Verona, said after the defeat by Sweden that a number of players in his team did not seem to be taking the friendly game too seriously. This alone can give the Danes a measure of consolation and conviction for their match in the Soviet Union, recent conquerors of West Germany in a friendly. True, it was not quite the full Danish team. Michael Laudrup, now with Juventus, did not play, nor did Jesper Olsen, of Manchester United. Otherwise, all the outstanding names were there, including Allan Simonsen, that marvellous little midfield player (or forward), who seems now to have recovered from a broken leg he sustained against France in the European Championship finals in Paris last year.

When they recently lost to the Soviet Union, the West Germans were without Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Briegel, whose Italian clubs refused, to the Germans' dismay, to release them for a friendly game. Their presence will make the team a much stronger proposition against Sweden.

Bulgaria, in Group four, visit Luxemburg, deprived of several of their players, who were suspended for long periods after their fracas of the Bulgarian Cup Final between CSKA and Levski Spartak. It is now felt that the Bulgarian government, rather than its federation, over-reacted, thanks to the fact that, by sheer chance, the country's president happened to watch the game on television. Top of the group with nine points against Yugoslavia's eight and France's seven, the Bulgarians seem home-and-dry.

Three days later, Yugoslavia play East Germany in a much more significant game – one which could affect the fate of France, so dazzling in their early European championship matches last year, so vulnerable away from home. East Germany, who have six points, are not the greatest of travellers. They won 5-0 in Luxembourg but lost in France and Bulgaria.

A fine victory in the World Youth Cup in Moscow has bucked up the Brazilians; further heartened by the return from Italy of Zico, Socrates and Falcao.

Brian Glanville is football correspondent of the Sunday Times.

United's reputation has Palace fearing the worst

Steve Coppell fears his former Manchester United playing colleagues are about to give Crystal Palace a football lesson they will find hard to forget in tonight's Milk Cup tie at Selhurst Park.

The Old Trafford winger whose playing career was cut short by injury has been too busy knocking Palace into shape to take a first-hand look at United's fabulous form this season.

Friends back in Manchester have told him, however, that United are producing the best football they have seen for years. "I'm not letting that terrify me, though, Coppell said." Absolutely nobody expects us to do anything, so we have nothing to lose."

Coppell played alongside seven of the United men who have helped the club win their first nine first division games and he admitted: "It will be emotional – but not half as much as if I was playing." Palace have a doubt about their midfield player, Kevin Taylor, but that is nothing to the injury list threatening to curtail United's all-conquering progress.

Hogg and Strachan have joined Hughes, Gidman and Moses among the absentees, but Barnes has recovered from a swollen knee. Moran returns in defence and Olsen could be substitute after missing six games with an ankle injury.

Facing United will be Droy, who continues in the Palace defence with a broken nose suffered at Norwich last Wednesday. The big centre half is ruled out of the second leg, however, through suspension after being sent off on Saturday.

Ron Atkinson knows that Coppell would like nothing better than to halt United's progress towards a seventh Wembley appearance in three years. "He will be going flat out to put one over on us but we have always got a chance to redeem ourselves if anything untoward should happen," the United manager said. "But we will be going out to put it beyond them from the first game. It will be difficult but we have shown that we can take care of ourselves."

The two-match format leaves little room for giant-killing, but Port Vale have every encouragement to put out West Bromwich Albion, whose former forward, Ally Brown, now 35, leads the fourth division club's attempt to inflict a ninth successive defeat on Johnny Giles's team. With five players out and two others struggling, Vale will be happy to leave the glory night to the second leg on their ground.

Fairclough, who spent too much time for his liking on Liverpool's substitutes bench is back at Anfield again with Oldham, but is still only twelth man. He has been unable to force his way into the team since his signing during the close season. Liverpool are forced to reshuffle because Molby has joined Denmark's World Cup squad for tomorrow's game against the Soviet Union.

Move to Bromley

Charlton Athletic, who are leaving their ground at the Valley to play at Selhurst Park, will play their Football Combination matches at the ground of Isthmian league side Bromley. Meanwhile, Charlton captain Mark Aizlewood is likely to be out of action for two weeks, after damaging knee ligaments in Saturday's home match with Stoke.

Preston cry off

Preston's second round Milk Cup tie at home to Norwich tonight has been postponed because seven of Preston's squad are still suffering from the stomach bug which caused Saturday's game against Swindon to be called off.

● Brussels (AFP) – The World Cup European zone play-off between Belgium and the Netherlands will take place on October 16 at Anderlecht's ground



Moran: returns for United

LACROSSE

Red Indians playing for their pride

By Peter Tatlow

The presence on the field of play of Red Indian chief Leon Shenandoah together with Mike Red Arrow will serve as a timely reminder to the England men's team in next week's visit by the Iroquois touring side that the game has its roots deep in the legends of the Red Indian people.

Just over a hundred years ago Queen Victoria was reminded of the same thing by a lacrosse match at Windsor Castle when Indian chief Tier Karonisre (as reported in the court circular of *The Times* on June 28, 1876) laid his tomahawk at the feet of the monarch prior to delivering an address of loyalty from a document written on birch bark.

Attention was being drawn to the stateless plight of the Iroquois Indians but to this day they are regarded as second-class citizens in North America. In fact, most of next week's 35-strong touring party come from a reservation in New York on the Canadian-American border although it is not claimed that the Indians rough it there in tepees.

A form of lacrosse was played by the Iroquois Federation which comprised in 1712 six nations (Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagoes, Senecas, Cayugas and the Tuscaroras). The game known as baggataway lasted days or even weeks in its primitive form. Really it was little short of pitched battle in no man's land between villages as tribesmen endeavoured to force a stone or some heavy object into the neighbouring domain.

A visiting French Jesuit missionary likened the stick they used with its bag on top to a bishop's crozier and he coined a name La Crosse (french for crozier). And that is the game the present day Iroquois Indians regard as the only true North American sport.

They do not deny that lacrosse gives valuable publicity to their cause. The Iroquois people beat the drum last year when they defeated England 10-9 at the Los Angeles pre-Olympic tournament and they want to play in the men's lacrosse world series in Toronto next year.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford pull out plug

By Keith Macklin

Salford have decided that they will no longer allow visiting clubs to make videotape recordings of matches. Wigan intend to use video evidence from the Salford v Wigan game in which the Wigan three-quarter, Colin Whitfield, suffered facial injuries following a tackle by the Salford player, Keron O'Loughlin.

Video evidence has frequently been used in disciplinary committee hearings, but this is the first time that a club has banned opponents from recording games. The O'Loughlin hearing is due on Thursday.

Simon Brockwell, a centre threequarter from North Sydney, flies in tomorrow to join Leigh, and may be rushed into action in the Lancashire Cup tie with Widnes tomorrow night.

David Stephenson, the Wigan centre, is concussed and misses the cup game against Salford.

SNOOKER: Terry Griffiths cruised into the last 16 of the Goya Matchroom trophy at Stoke-on-Trent with a 5-1 win over John Spencer.

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS LEAGUES

ARGENTINIAN: Platense 2, Instituto 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 2, Huracan 2, Boca Juniors 2, Union 1; Deportivo Espanol 1, Estudiantes De La Plata 0; Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 0, San Lorenzo De Almagro 0; Velez Sarsfield 0, Argentinos Juniors 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, Independiente 2; Racing 1, River Plate 1; Talleres 2, Chacarita Juniors 0.

AUSTRIAN: Admira Wacker 1, Graz AK 1; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Alpine Donawitz 1; Rapid Vienna 7, Voest Linz 0; SSW Innsbruck 2, Salzburg AK 0; Sturm Graz 0, SC Eisenstadt 0. Postponed: Linz ASK v Austria Vienna. Leading positions: 1, Rapid Vienna, 17 pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 15; SSW Innsbruck, 12.

BELGIAN: Mechelen 0, FC Bruges 5; Antwerp 0, Anderlecht 0; Standard Liege 1, Waterschei 0, Lokeren 0, Waregem 3; Kortrijk 1, Seraing 1; FC Liege 1, Lierse 0; RWD Molenbeek 4, Charleroi 2; CS Bruges 3, Beerschot 2; Beveren 2, Lierse 0. Leading positions: 1, FC Bruges, 13; 2, Anderlecht, 11; 3, Waregem, 10.

GREEK: Aris 2, Ethnikos 1, Yannina 1, Kalamarias 0; Doxa 1, AEK 0; Larissa 3, OFI 0; Panathinaikos 1, Iraklis 0; Panserraiki 4, Panserraiki 0; Panionios 1, Olympiakos 0; Paok 5, Apollon Athens 0. Leading position: 1, Panathinaikos, 6; 2, Larisa, 3, Panionios both 5.

HUNGARIAN: Siotok 1, Ujpest Dozsa 0; Bekescsaba 2, Rabo Eto Gyor 2; Csepel 1, Vasas 0; Ferencvaros 2, Haladas 1; Debrecen 1, MTK VM 1; Honved 3, Videoton 0; Pecs 4, Volan 0. Leading position: 1, Honved, 15; 2, Pecs, 14; 3, Rabo Eto, 11.

ITALIAN: Bari 2, Roma 0; Fiorentina 2, AC Milan 0; Internazionale 3, Avellino 1; Juventus 3, Pisa 1; Lecce 0, Torino 0; Napoli 1, Atalanta 0; Udinese 2, Sampdoria 1; Verona 3, Como 0. Leading Positions: 1, Juventus, 6; 2, Napoli, 5; 3, Internazionale, 4.

DUTCH: MVV Maastricht 0, PSV Eindhoven 6; Fortuna Sittard 4, GA Eagles 0; NEC Nijmegen 1, AZ'67 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, Groningen 2; Sparta Rotterdam 1, VVV Venlo 3; Twente Enschede 0; Heracles Almelo 3; Ajax 6, Roda 0; Den Bosch 1, Feyenoord 1; Haarlem 3, Utrecht 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV, 2, Feyenoord, both 13; 3, Fortuna, 12.

EASTERN GERMAN: Dynamo Dresden 3, Karl-Marx-Stadt 2; Dynamo Berlin 1, Lokomotiv Leipzig 0; Stahl Brandenburg 3, Hansa Rostock 1; Rot Weiss Erfurt 1, Magdeburg 1; Sachsenring Zwickau 3, Wismut Aue 3; Vorwärts Frankfurt 0, Union Berlin 2; Carl Zeiss Jena 5, Stahl Riesa 1.

Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Dresden, 10; 2, Dynamo Berlin, 9; 3, Carl Zeiss Jena, 7.

FRENCH: Strasbourg 0, Marseilles 0; Bastia 2, Lille 0; Toulouse 1, Le Havre 0; Lens 2, Paris Saint-Germain 3; Sochaux 1, Nancy 1; Rennes 0, Brest 4; Metz 2, Bordeaux 3; Monaco 1, Laval 1; Toulon 0, Auxerre 1; Nantes 1, Nice 1.

Leading positions: 1, Paris Saint-Germain, 22; 2, Bordeaux, 17; 3, Nantes, 16.

POLISH: Motor Lubin 2, GKS Katowice 2; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2, Baltyk Gdynia 1; Lechia Gdansk 2, Stal Mielec 0; Lech Poznan 1, Slask Wrocław 0; Gornik Walbrzych 2, LKS Lodz 2; Gornik Zabrze 2, Zaglebie Lubin 0; Widzew Lodz 2, Ruch Chorzow 0; Legia Warsaw 3, Pogon Szczecin 1. Leading positions: 1, Widzew Lodz, 15; 2, Gornik Zabrze, 14; 3, Ruch Chorzow, 13.

ROMANIAN: Chimia Vilcer 3, ASA Tirgu Mures 1; Sportul Bucharest 2, Politehnica Timisbara 2; Universitater Napoca 2, SC Bacau 1; FCM Brasov 1, Arges Pitesti 0; Rapid Bucharest 1, Steaua Bucharest 2; Corvinul Hunedoara 5, Bihor 1; Olt Presn 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 0.Leading positions: 1, Steaua, 14; 2, Universitater Craiova, 11; 3, Dynamo Bucharest, 8.

SOVIET: Neftchi Baku 3, Torpedo Kutaisi 1; Vilnius Zalgiris 1, Metallist Kharkov 1; Fakel Voronezh 1, Torpedo Moscow 0; SKA Rostov 1, Kairat Alma Ata 1; Ararat Ereven 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 0. Leading positions: Dynamo Kiev, 39; 2, Dnieper, 36; 3, Spartak, 35.

WEST GERMAN: Borussia Mönchengladbach 5, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; Schalke 1, Bamburg 0; Bayern Munich 2, Nuremburg 1; Stuttgart 5, Cologne 0; Hanover 2, Saarbrücken 0; Werder Bremen 2, Waldhof Mannheim 2; Kaiserlautern 5, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Bayer Leverkusen 4, Bochum 2; Borussia Dortmund 4, Eintracht Frankfurt 2. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, 13; 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach, 12; 3, Bayern Munich, 10.

● There were no Portuguese, Spanish or Yugoslav first division matches because of World Cup ties this week.

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday, September 28 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Arsenal v Newcastle
X Aston Villa v Everton
1 Coventry v WBA
1 Leicester v Ipswich
1 Liverpool v Tottenham
1 Man U v Sthampton
1 Oxford v Man C
1 QPR v Birmingham
1 Sheffield W v Luton
X Watford v Chelsea
1 West Ham v Nottingham F

SECOND DIVISION
1 Carlisle v Shrewsbury
2 Fulham v Brighton
X Grimsby v Bradford C
1 Leeds v Sheffield U
2 Middlesbro v Barnsley
X Millwall v Oldham
1 Norwich v Hull
1 Portsmouth v Blackburn
X Stoke v C Palace
1 Sunderland v Huddersfld
X Wimbledon v Charlton

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bolton v Plymouth
1 Bournmth v Darlington
1 Brentford v Rotherham
1 Bristol C v Blackpool
2 Cardiff v Derby
1 Chesterfield v Wigan
X Doncaster v Reading
1 Gillingham v York
1 Notts Co v Bury
1 Walsall v Newport
Not on coupons: Swansea v Bristol Rovers; Wolves v Lincoln.

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Aldershot v Scunthorpe
1 Crewe v Torquay
X Exeter v Tranmere
X Hartlepool v Swindon
X Mansfield v Southend
1 Peterboro v Burnley
1 Preston v Hereford
1 Rochdale v Northampton
2 Stockport v Chester
1 Wrexham v Orient
Not on coupons: Colchester v Port Vale (Friday); Halifax v Cambridge (Friday).

GOLA LEAGUE
1 Frickley v Maidstone
1 Telford v Weymouth
1 Wealdstone v Altrincham
2 Wycombe v Enfield

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Clydebank v Hearts
2 Dundee v Celtic
X Hibernian v Motherwell
1 Rangers v Aberdeen
1 St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Ayr v Dumbarton
1 Brechin v Kilmarnock
1 Clyde v Montrose
1 East Fife v Airdrie
Not on coupons: Falkirk v Partick; Forfar v Alloa; Hamilton v Morton.

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Albion v Raith; Arbroath v Stranraer; Berwick v East Stirling; Dunfermline v Stenhousemuir; Meadowbank v St Johnstone; Queen's Park v Queen of the South; Stirling v Cowdenbeath.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Watford, Grimsby, Millwall, Stoke, Wimbledon, Doncaster, Exeter, Hartlepool, Mansfield, Preston, Hibernian.

BEST DRAWS: Watford, Grimsby, Doncaster, Exeter, Hartlepool.

AWAYS: Barnsley, Derby, Chester, Enfield, Dumbarton.

HOMES: Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Oxford, QPR, Norwich, Bournemouth, Gillingham, Notts County, Walsall, Crewe, Peterborough.

TOP SCORE SIX: Arsenal, Everton, Manchester United, Norwich, QPR, Sheffield Wednesday. Next best: Oxford.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Manchester United, Notts County, Walsall, Crewe, Peterborough. Aways: Derby, Chester, Dumbarton. Draws: Watford, Doncaster, Exeter.

FOR THE RECORD

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyne's, Stevenage 9, St George's, Harpenden 45; Aylesbury 17, Verulam 4; Babtake 20, Old Swinford Hospital 10; Bancroft's 12, UCS 18; Berkhamsted 18, Eton 15; Bethany 21, Sir Roger Manwood's 0; Birkenhead 22, William Hulme's 12; Blundell's 16, Kelly 4; Blundell's II 8, Shebbear 10; Bude Colts 22, Tavistock 6; Campion 31, St Joseph's, Ipswich 19; Cheshunt 44, Shereden 3; Chichester 24, Lord Wandsworth 14; Chosen Hill 0, Cheltenham GS 35; Clifton 14, Old Boys 6; Dartford 3, Colfe's 10; Dauntsey's 10, Pangbourne 3; Dean Close 21, Bramcgrove 9; Denstone 3, King Edward's, Birmm 28; Devonport HS 9, Truro 12, Downside 16, Cantord 8; Duke of York's RMS 40, Dover College 9.

Durham 12, King Henry VIII, Coventry 10; Ellesmere 10, Old Boys 0; Emanuel 4, St Brendan's, Bristol 30; Epsom 6, Harrow 28; Exeter 10, Taunton 15; Giggleswick 3, St Bees 30; Gravesend 35, St George's, Gravesend 4; Greenham's 17, Norwich 17; Guildford RGS 14, Tiffin 3; Haileybury 9, Wellington, Berkshire 10; Hampton 23, High Wycombe RGS 7; Hurstpierpoint 14, Whitgift 21; Hymer's 12, Queen Elizabeth, Wakefield 13; John Fisher 4, Wimbledon 7; Kent College 54, Sutton Valence 3; King's, Bruton 9, Old Boys 13; King's, Taunton 15, Old Alnedrians 15; King's, Worcester 10, Christ, Brecon 6; KCS Wimbledon 6, St Paul's 42; Kingswood 22, Colston's 3; Langley Park 0, Judd 32; London Oratory 15, Latymer Upper 8.

Loughborough GS 12, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 6; Maidstone 0, Skinners 18; Marling 9, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital 12; Millfield 30, Bristol GS 6; Monkton Coombe 23, OS 28; Mount St Mary's 24, Cotton 0; Newcastle-under-Lyme 34, Marple Hall 0; Oundle 6, Oakam 3; Orattory 13, Reed's 3; Pierrepont 0, Churchers 20; Portsmouth GS 31, King Edward VI, Southampton 6; Prior Park 3, Wellington, Somerset 16; Richard Lander VI Form Coll 19, Camborne Colts 4; Rochester Maths 8, Chatham House 39; Rossall 27, Merchant Taylors', Crosby 0; St Albans 7, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 24; St Benedicts, Ealing 18, Windsor 16; St Dunstan's 16, Eltham 11; St George's, Weybridge 16, Dosel 0; St John's, Leatherhead 5, Brighton College 12; St Joseph's, Blackheath 0, St Mary's, Sidcup 22; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 10, King's, Rochester 11.

St Olave's 13, Wallington HS 24; St Peter's, York 36, York 8th Form College 6; Sir William Bolese 9, King James', Henley 6; Stamford 11, Old Stamfordians 8; Tonbridge 9, Sevenoaks 4; Trent 35, Ratcliffe 3; Trinity, Croydon 28, Caterham 0; Uppingham 32, Old Boys 4; Warwick 25, Cheltenham 7; Welbeck 14, Nottingham HS 15; Wells Cathedral 48, Clayesmore 0; West Buckland 14, Queen's, Taunton 6; West Park 18, St Edward's, Liverpool 12; Wycliffe 6, Monmouth 4; Wymondham 17, Bungay 0.

SHOWJUMPING

SALZBURG: Nations Cup: 1, West Germany, 4 pts; 2, GB, 8; 3, Austria, 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull KR	4	4	0	0	98	34	8
Hull	5	3	0	2	148	81	6
Leeds	3	3	0	0	73	35	6
St Helens	4	3	0	1	82	49	6
Castleford	4	3	0	1	84	54	6
Salford	4	3	0	1	82	40	6
Widnes	4	3	0	1	85	67	6
Warrington	4	2	0	2	70	47	4
York	5	2	0	3	66	114	4
Dewsbury	5	2	0	3	55	136	4
Wigan	4	1	0	3	66	55	2
Featherstone	4	1	0	3	57	91	2
Bradford N	4	1	0	3	48	80	2
Swinson	4	1	0	3	58	94	2
Halifax	4	0	1	3	39	82	1
Oldham	4	0	1	3	50	112	1

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	5	4	1	0	96	49	9
Whitehaven	4	4	0	0	109	29	8
Workington	3	3	0	0	86	38	6
Hunslet	4	3	0	1	110	70	6
Leigh	4	3	0	1	98	61	6
Bramley	5	3	0	2	90	93	6
Huddersfield	5	2	1	2	87	107	5
Rochdale H	3	2	0	1	73	33	4
Batley	4	2	0	2	91	76	4
Barrow	4	2	0	2	76	62	4
Sheffield E	5	2	0	3	96	102	4
Fulham	4	2	0	2	52	72	4
Mansfield M	5	2	0	3	68	118	4
Blackpool B	4	1	0	3	68	80	2
Doncaster	5	1	0	4	66	128	2
Carlisle	3	0	1	2	41	68	1
Keighley	5	0	1	4	60	140	1
Runcorn H	4	0	0	4	57	95	0

GOLF

STOKE POGES: English County Champions Amateur tournament: Final scores: 142: P Robinson (Hertfordshire), 68, 73. 145: J O'Shea (Middlesex), 75, 70; S Field (Yorkshire), 73, 72. 147: M Rapley (Berks, Bucks and Oxon), 73, 74; G Walmsley (Surrey), 72, 75. 148: J Longcake (Cumbria), 73, 75; M Hassall (Staffordshire), 74, 74. 149: J Langmead (Devon), 76, 73; A Robertson (Durham), 73, 76; D Wood (Essex), 75, 74; M Scothern (Nottinghamshire), 76, 73. 150: N Briggs (Cheshire), 77, 73; R Davenport (Derbyshire), 78, 74.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Goya Matchroom Tournament: Fourth round: J Johnson (Bradford) bt M Bradley (Worksop), 5-2; J Campbell (Aus) bt D Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold), 5-1; C Wilson (Caldicot) bt T Chappel (Swansea), 5-0; S Duggan (Rotherham) bt I Black (Glasgow), 5-1.

GLASGOW: Lang's Supreme Scottish Masters: Final: C Thorburn (Can) leads W Thorne (Leicester) 5-3. Frames: (Thorburn first): 13-96, 0-133, 69-0, 114-1, 131-0, 79-11, 99-5, 38-74.

LACROSSE

WEYBRIDGE: Women's Lacrosse Triangular tournament, Saturday: Guildford 5, Reigate 4; Weybridge 8, Reigate 3; Wabridge 10, Guildford 2. Other match: Purley 3, Putney 7.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Grand Prix tournament: Final: P Annaconne (US) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6. Doubles: Finals: S Davis (US) and R Van't of (US) bt Annaconne and C van Rensburg (SA), 6-3, 7-6.

BORDEAUX: Grand Prix tournament: Finals: S Shaw (GB) and D Felgate (GB) bt B Willenborg (US) and L Pimek (Cz), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

CHICAGO: Women's international tournament: Semi-finals: K Rinaldi (US) bt K Jordan (US), 6-0, 7-5; B Gadusek (US) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 7-5, 6-2. Final: Gadusek bt Rinaldi, 6-1, 6-3. Doubles: Final: E Smylie (Aus) and Jordan bt E Burgin (US) and J Russell (US), 6-2, 6-2.

GOLF

ABILENE, Texas: Classic tournament: (US unless stated): 273 H Sutton, 68, 67, 67, 71; M Reid, 68, 66, 67, 72 (Sutton won first play-off hole). 274 H Twitty, 69, 68, 68, 69. 275 R Zokol, 69, 72, 64, 70. 277 A Bean, 66, 67, 68, 76; J Renner, 72, 68, 67, 70; J Skuran, 72, 68, 9, 68. 278 W Levi, 70, 71, 68, 69. 279 D Pohl, 68, 69, 68, 74. 280 P Lindsey,

RUGBY UNION

Amateur ethos to be focus of world cup

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The marketing contract for the inaugural world tournament for the Webb Ellis Trophy, due to be held in New Zealand and Australia in 1987, has been awarded to the West Nally Group. The London-based firm, whose international ramifications cover much of the world, won the contract from their main rivals, Mark McCormack's International Management Group, after some nine companies had submitted presentations to the International Rugby Football Board's world tournament management committee.

Both the board and West Nally place considerable emphasis on the maintenance of rugby's amateur ethos, a source of concern to more than just the Irish Rugby Football Union who wrote to the board last week protesting at the lack of information regarding the world tournament.

The Irish Union wanted evidence that the board "does intend to control the situation and organize itself to ensure that the regulations relating to amateurism are, in fact, going to be applied in respect of all aspects of this tournament".

John Kendall-Carpenter, chairman of the IB governing committee, who was in Hong Kong last weekend to deal with final details of the marketing contract, said yesterday: "I think I can understand an element of resentment from Ireland, but really this was only our second full meeting and the situation will not be much clearer.

"I believe they (West Nally) have a greater insight into the game of rugby. The thing that interests us is the need to shore up rather than undermine the amateur ethos of the game. We probed this side very carefully and we have established a number of procedures so that the tournament remains very much on an amateur basis."

A company to be known as Rugby World Cup Ltd has been established with the Australian and New Zealand Rugby Unions acting as local agents, and Kendall-Carpenter, headmaster of Wellington school in Somerset, representing IB interests. Among those who have been involved on West Nally's behalf at the New Zealand end of the operation has been Graham Mourie, the former All Blacks captain, now a member of their organization.

Michael Storey, a director of the group, said yesterday: "Now we have to move very quickly in a lot of directions at once. We only have about three weeks in which to put proposals together, so we are delighted to get the contract. There aren't any yardsticks by which we can judge the amount of interest in the tournament, but then there weren't when we handled the first world athletics championships in Helsinki two years ago.

"We believe we are well placed to understand what the rugby tournament means in world terms. One of the things we presented very strongly was that, as far as we are concerned, we are ensuring the amateur status of the game."

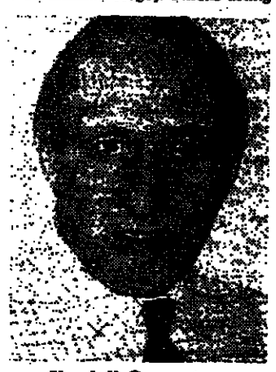
The board's agents will now be in a position to appoint an executive and staff to handle the structure of the tournament, as it takes shape. It is hoped that recommendations regarding venues of the games will be available before the IB governing committee meet again, probably near the end of November.

The 16 invited countries have until the end of this month to accept and Kendall-Carpenter, one of whose colleagues on the committee is Ronnie Dawson, of Ireland, is hopeful that the fears of the Irish Union can be allayed by then.

As if to emphasize the amount of goodwill which exists towards rugby – conceivably because it remains an amateur game, which is a point that those former players who suggest payments for appearances in internationals may overlook – the Welsh Rugby Union announced yesterday a further sponsorship deal with Lumley's, the independent insurance brokers, which is worth £250,000.

The company will sponsor Wales's game with Fiji on November 9, and one of the five-nations championships games in Cardiff for each of the next three seasons. Lumley's sponsored the Wales-England game in Cardiff last April, and the new agreement does not cut across the existing arrangement which the WRU and the Rugby Football Union have with British Gas, who are to sponsor the games between Wales and England for the next four years.

Since the WRU have also recently signed an agreement with Toshiba, the Japanese company, they stand to profit by £600,000 over the next four years, money which will both to the upkeep of the National Stadium upon which the union has a substantial overdraft, and to the general maintenance of the game.



Kendall-Carpenter: final details

RGS Guildford boys find it tough in NZ

Bruises and lessons

MICHAEL STEVENSON on a rugged tour Down Under.

When Royal Grammar School, Guildford, toured New Zealand in late summer, they suffered a large number of injuries. Three players retired with concussion in the Wellington College match and several of the squad of 28 had to play in all eight fixtures.

Two games had been arranged against weaker opposition so that key players could be rested, but the general impression was that local sides do not like losing to the "the Pommies". One school combined with others to form a district team, and another, Spotswood College, included 10 players from their old boys' side.

Both matches were narrowly won by RGS but at considerable cost in terms of injury in what, in the latter case, approached a war of attrition. The exhaustion of the RGS players largely accounted for defeat at the hands of Birkdale College two days later.

The RGS coach, Chris Pafford, was loud in praise of his side's reliance, the skill of his goalkicker, Jonathan Canning, the devastating running of Colin Livingston, and the expertise and courage of the captain, Desmond Hactin, in the pack.

Pafford said: "New Zealand school teams proved as tough as expected in ruck and maul, winning possession that is neglected or killed in English rugby; we have tried to learn from them. In set scrums we found that we were more technically sound, and were able to outscrummage nearly all the sides we played. Lineouts were a mess, largely because referees saw little need to apply the laws.

"In the backs we learned the virtues of straight running and aggressive defence, but we found that we had more skill and imagination than most backs we encountered. We proved that English schools can play at the high level in New Zealand with considerable success and that English back play is not extinct. What goes wrong later on?"

Several points arise from the tour. The issue is dedication and ferocity, not dirty play. In Britain we cannot be held blameless. One of the most frightening matches I have seen was between two north-western grammar schools. Advocates of the abolition of blood sports would have watched that encounter with great interest.

The basic message is: do not dream of taking a weak side to New Zealand. If you have a skilled side, who are also blessed with physical presence, a visit there may result in a hardening of attitudes and technique.

Sevenoaks, who toured New Zealand under Mike Williams in 1980, were the first English school to make the trip and they echo this view, as do Campion School.

RGS TOUR RESULTS: beat St Kentigern College 9-8; lost to Tauranga Boys' College 12-21; beat Central Plateau District 18-16; lost to Wellington College 12-15; lost to Napier Boys HS 9-12; beat Wanganui Collegiate School 8-4; beat Spotswood Past and Present 6-3; lost to Birkdale College 3-8.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-offs 7.30 unless stated

Milk Cup

Second Round, first leg

Bristol Rovers v Birmingham (7.45)
Crewe v Watford
Crystal Palace v Manchester United (7.45)
Fulham v Notts County
Gillingham v Portsmouth
Grimsby v York City
Ipswich v Darlington (7.45)
Liverpool v Oldham
Preston v Norwich (postponed)
QPR v Hull City
Sheffield United v Luton
Shrewsbury v Huddersfield
Sunderland v Swindon
West Bromwich v Port Vale
West Ham v Swansea
Wimbledon v Blackburn (7.45)
Wrexham v Stoke

Scottish first division

Alloa v East Fife

Scottish second division

Cowdenbeath v Berwick
Raith v Cowen's Park
St Johnstone v Dunfermline
Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Cliftonville v Larne (5.30).

FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Banstead Athletic v Danson; Kingsbury v Southall.

GOLA LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy: First round, second leg: Stafford Rangers v Barrow.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor City v Witton; Buxton v Gainsborough; Goole v Gateshead; Macclesfield v Oswestry; Matlock v Worksop; South Liverpool v Caernarfon; Southport v Morecambe.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: first round: Andover v Poole; Ashford v Folkestone; Bedworth v Mile Oak; Bridgnorth v Willenhall; Bromsgrove v Witney; Burnham and Hillingdon v Tonbridge; Camberbury v Thanet; Crawley v Ruislip; Chatham v Erith and Belvedere; Corinthian v Fisher; Coventry Sporting v Sutton Coldfield; Dorchester v R. S. Southampton; Dover v Hastings; Forest Green Rovers v Merthyr; Gloucester v Worcester; Gosport v Waterlooville; Grantham v V. S. Rugby; Gravesend v Woodford; Leamington v Redditch; Sheppy v Welling; Stourbridge v Dudley.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Manchester United (5.45); Wigan v Liverpool. Second division (7.0) Blackpool v Bolton; Burnley v Coventry; Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton; Rotherham v Doncaster Rovers.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood v Grays; Bromley v Leatherhead; Finchley v Hampton; Hornchurch v Leyton Wingate; Maidenhead United v Oxford City; Walton and Hersham v Uxbridge; Wembley v St Albans. Second division, north: Harefield United v Berkhamsted; Hemel Hempstead v Wolverton; Letchworth GC v Bishop's Stortford; Saffron Walden v Stevenage Borough. Wars: Saffron Walden v Bishop's Stortford. Second division, south: Eastbourne United v Dorking. AC Delco Cup. Preliminary round replay: Heybridge Swifts v Canterbury Town.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Stansted v Eton Manor; Witham v Wivenhoe.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Portsmouth v Bristol Rovers (2.30); Swindon v QPR (2.30). Postponed: Charlton v Oxford.

ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Preliminary round: Leytonstone and Ilford v Ford United.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol City v Melksham; Clandown v Bristol Manor Farm; Shepton Mallet v Minehead.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Sudbury v Brainree.

HENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Arlesey v Raunds; Rothwell v Newport Pagnell; Stamford v Holbeach.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: HM Prison Service v Army (Wallingford Town, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Newquay Hornets v Camborne.

HUNTING GATE HERTS MERIT TABLE: Hertford v Stevenage.

TRUMAN MERIT TABLE: Old Pelhamians v Bec O.B.

CLUB MATCHES: Crediton v Devonport Services; Halifax v Wakefield (7.0); Headingley v Durham; Northampton v Rugby.

BASKETBALL

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: First round (8.0): Calderdale Explorers v ANC Liverpool; Sharp Manchester United v Birmingham Bullets.

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Unipart British Professional Tournament (Radcar).

GOLF: Inter-Service Championships (Blairgowrie G.C., Nr Dundee).

ICE SKATING: St Ivel International (Richmond).

SNOOKER: Goya Matchroom Trophy (Stoke).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Milton Keynes v Eastbourne. Poole v Wimbledon.

TENNIS: Rothesay Assurance National Championships – Finals (Telford).

GOLF: Hal Sutton holed a 30ft putt for a birdie at the first hole in a sudden-death play-off against Mike Reid to win the South West Classic at Abilene, Texas. Both had finished on 273.

HOCKEY: The Singapore Hockey Association are to hold an inquiry into the fight which broke out among players and spectators during a match between Singapore and Oman at the weekend.

CYCLING: Hennie Kuiper, a former world champion, heads a powerful field for the inaugural 500-mile Nissan international race, which starts from Trinity College, Dublin, tomorrow and takes in Wexford, Clonmel, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Tullamore before finishing outside the GPO in O'Connell Street, Dublin, on Sunday.

RACING: CUMANI'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD TO END CAREER IN $2m BREEDERS' CUP EVENT

Commanche Run Coolmore bound

By Michael Seely

Commanche Run, Britain's outstanding four-year-old colt, is to be retired to the Coolmore Stud in Ireland at he end of his racing career by Ivan Allan, his Singapore-based owner.

"Luca Cumani will continue to train Cammanche Run," Tommy Stack, the former champion National Hunt jockey and nowadays a key figure in the Coolmore group of operations, said yesterday.

"He remains on target for his race against Slip Anchor, the Derby winner in the Dubai champion Stakes at Newmarket on October 19. After that there is a strong possibility that he will go for the $2m Breeder's Cup mile and a half race on turf at Aqueduct on November 2."

Commanche Run is quoted at 11-10 favourite for the Newmarket race. Slip Anchor is next best at 7-4, with Pebbles on offer at 7-1.

Last season Commanche Run gave Lester Piggott his record 28th classic victory in the St Leger. This year he has been brilliantly handled by Cumani to win three group races. At York he accounted for the subsequent fillies' triple crown winner, Oh So Sharp, in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup. More recently, in Dublin, he proved his speed and class beyond all shadow of a doubt with a pillar-to-post four-length victory over Bob Back and Damister in Europe's second richest race, the Phoenix Champion Stakes.

All lovers of great horses would dearly have loved to see Commanche Run pitted against Sagace and Shernazar in Europe's most demanding race, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. But the lure of the $1m bonus awaiting the first horse to land the treble of the Benson & Hedges, Phoenix Champion stakes and the Dubai Champion stakes naturally proved irresistable for Mr Allan.



Commanche Run, Britain's leading four-year-old, who is in the process of being syndicated

No price has yet been put on the services of Cammanche Run, as he waits to join Caerleon, Lomond King's Lake, Sadler's Wells and other stallions at Coolmore.

"The syndicate is in the process of being formed," Stack concluded. "An announcement will be made in due course."

Also bound for New York in November is Teleprompter, whose target will be the one mile race on grass. And after the recent victory of Lord Derby's gallant five-year-old in the world's richest race, the Budweiser Million, it was good to hear the Jockey Club are to be asked to recommend to the European Pattern Committee that geldings should, in future, be allowed to take part in all group one races with the exception of the three colts' classics.

Tim Holland-Martin, the chairman of the Flat Pattern Race Committee, chaired the sub-committee which has been inquiring into the general question of listed and pattern races. They are recommending the opening up of group one events to geldings, not only for the entertainment value offered but also for providing a valuaie comparison between generations.

The sub-committee has made a detailed study of the pattern race programme and after seven months research have developed a system whereby the quality of such races can constantly be evaluated.

They also think that "black type", which is used is sales catalogues to denote horses placed in prestige events, is too easily earned by animals taking part in sub-standard pattern races abroad. And they areputting forward a suggestion that, in due course, the International Catalogiung Committee should recommend that the coveted black type should only be awarded to horses with a rating of 65 and upwards.

Progressive Kudz should lead off double for Cecil

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Henry Cecil is currently both the most successful trainer in the country and the leading trainer at Leicester, with 35 victories to his credit at the Midlands course since the beginning of 1980. Today he seems likely to increase that tally by winning both divisions of the EBK Kegworth Maiden Stakes with Kudz (2.15) and Free Had (4.45).

After a highly encouraging first run at Yarmouth where he was runner up to his better-fancied stable companion, Bonhomie, Kudz is napped to win the first division. Since their race his conqueror, whom Cecil refers to as one of his golden eggs, has won again at Lingfield Park.

At Yarmouth Kudz was much the greener. Now, the word from Newmarket is that he has learnt a lot from that initail experience. He is well-fancied to become the first winner in this country for the American-based stallion, Master Willie, who won the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup Eclipse Stakes and Coronation Cup here for Henry Candy before he was exported towards the end of 1980 to stand alongside the legendary Northern Dancer at the famous Windfields Farm in Maryland.

Free hand., Kudz's travelling companion from Warren Place, has not run before but I know that after good recent homework on the heath he is expected to give a good account of himself in the second division. Useful form here is sported by both Boofy, who has been placed at Goodwood and Ripon, and Country Gentleman, who also ran well at Goodwood recently, who is a son of the Mill Reef stallion, Main Reef, who had the pace to win the July Stakes at Newmarket in 1978, is expected to prove too quick for them.

Afte a run of disappointing races, this year's 2,000 Guineas was forth Royal Hermony, finally came good at Yarmouth last Wednesday when he made all the running in the sympathetic hands of Brent Thomson, who has created such a fine reputation this season.

Looking much more kike his old self Royal Harmony won comfortably. Now that he has finally got the message and it is to be hoped his confidence bach he could turn out to be too good for Sharp Noble in the Wren Stakes, especially as the latter was tailed off in his last race at Goodwood at the beginning of August.

The prerequisite for Roysia Boy, my selection for the Apollo Handicap Stakes is firm ground and unless the weather in that part of the country deteriorates dramatically overnight he will have the conditions to his liking

Course specialists

Leicester

TRAINERS: H Cecil 35 wins from 83 runners 45.0%; J Dunlop 20 from 82, 24.4%; H Thomson Jones 9 from 66, 13.6%.
JOCKEYS: T Quinn 14 wins from 72 rides, 19.4%; W R Swinburn 22 from 115, 19.1%; S Cauthen 22 from 99, 15.2%.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 2.15 Beau Mirage; 2.45 Miss Comedy, Master Mossee; 3.45 Wessex, Hyolun, Lucky Pin, Our Chickiene; 4.15 No Bolts.

LEICESTER

Going: firm

Draw advantage: 5f, 6f, low numbers best

2.15 EBF KEGWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £2,745: 7f) (19 runners)

1	000	AUCTION MAN (Mrs B Gittins) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	19
2	30	BEAU MIRAGE (B) (C Eliot) C Brittain 9-0	P Robinson	6
4	0	BETTER THAN MOST (D Lucia-Smith) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	5
5	0	BLACK COMEDY (Mrs W Gerhauser) G Lewis 9-0	P Waldron	2
6		BON ACCUEIL (P Ratti) L Cumani 9-0	P Hamblett	13
12	2	DOGMATIC (A Samuel) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	Pat Eddery	7
13	0	DOING MY BEST (A Shead) B Hills 9-0	B Thomson	4
15	0	FASHAWAY LAD (Lady Sale) J Waser 9-0	W R Swinburn	3
16	60	FIRST DIVISION (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	15
17	00	FLOATING ASS (Lord Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	12
18	220	GANOON (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	18
20	00	GOLDEN ANCONA (D Gorton) E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay	9
23	0	HOKA HEY (M Erlanger) P Makin 9-0	J Reid	8
24	2	KUDZ (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	17
28	0	MR COFFEY (Mrs B Sleed) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	11
29	0	PAUL JAY (Mrs C Guest) W Guest 9-0	E Guest 3	10
35		STAVORDALE (Mrs H T Jones) H Thomson Jones 9-0	NON--RUNNER	1
39		TEBITTO (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	16
40	0	UNEX-PLAMED (J Bray) R Armstrong 9-0	G Saxton	14

1984: Kelru 9-0 Pat Eddery (4-1) B Hanbury 20 ran.

6-4 Kudz, 3 Dogmatic, 6 Bon Accueil, 8 Floating Asset, Ganoon, 10 Doing My Best.

FORM: BLACK COMEDY (8-11) 6f sl 5th to Mashkour (8-11) at Goodwood (1m, £4,458, good to firm, Sep 14). DOGMATIC (9-0) head 2nd to Gorgeous Algernon (8-0) at Newbury (6f, £5,295, good to soft, June 13, 20 ran). GANOON 5th to Pandous at Salisbury last time; earlier (8-0) 3l 2nd to Royal Bolin (9-0) at Ayr (7f, £2,854, good to soft, Jul 20, 14 ran). GOLDEN ANCONA (9-0) 8l 5th to Colorspin (8-11) at Nottingham (6f, £830, good to firm, Sep 9, 19 ran). KUDZ (9-0) 3l 2nd to Bonhomie (9-0) at Yarmouth (7f, £1,020, good, Aug 28, 16 ran). MR COFFEY (8-11) 16l last of 8 to Native Wizard (9-11) in Acomb Stakes at York (7f, £8,636, good to soft, Aug 20).
Selection: KUDZ.

Leicester selections

By Mandarin

2.15 KUDZ (nap). 2.45 Avalon Lass. 3.15 Royal Harmony. 3.45 Wessex. 4.15 Roysia Boy. 4.45 Free Hand.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Kudz. 2.45 Herb Robert. 3.15 No Credibility. 3.45 King Of Naples. 4.15 Roysia Boy. 4.45 Free Hand.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Kudz. 4.15 ROYSIA BOY (nap).

2.45 RANCLIFFE NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-y-o: £969: 1m) (17)

3	002000	CAMERION (E Eldin) E Eldin 9-7	G Carter 5	9
4	0001	PARISIAN MISS (B) (T Marshall) M Usher 9-6	D McKay	11
5	100040	BETTY ANN (B) (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 9-5	J Reid	5
7	002000	TITAN KING (B) (M Fordham) D Arbuthnot 9-4	J Williams	6
9	000300	MISS COMEDY (B) (Miss J Wilkinson) R Hannon 9-3	A McGlone	3
10	034100	YOUNG LUCY (R Walton) Mrs M Rimell 9-3	T Ives	17
11	204000	RACHEL'S PRINCE (T Myles) R Stubbs 9-2	D Nicholls	16
14	003	DALEY GIRL (J Bensley) P Haslam 8-9	G Duffield	8
15	30000	HERB ROBERT (Lord Penrhos) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	D Gibson 7	
16	60000	MASTER MOSSES (B (J Burgess) J Jefferson 9-0	K Hodgson	12
17	302030	BLUE CEDAR (Deleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-0	C Coates 5	1
18	432000	AVALON LASS (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-13	S Cauthen	13
19	020	NANOR (T Ronan) A Pitt 8-13	C Rutter 5	15
21	000048	JILTOWN LAD (S Birkett) H Beasley 8-11	R Cochrane	14
22	0000	ATUTOS (D Chapman) D Chapman 8-7	S P Griffiths 5	10
23	000000	FOLLY AGAIN (B) (J Beresford) T Fairhurst 8-4	A Proud	2
24	0b003	ROYALTY FAIR (A Smith) A Smith 8-4	S Webster	4

1984: Hubbardair 9-5 P Robinson (8-1) M Ryan 13 ran.

4 Royalty Fair, 5 Avalon Lass, 6 Miss Comedy, Dalby Girl, 8 Blue Cedar, Nanor, 10 Young Lucy, 12 Town King, 14 others.

FORM: CAMERION (8-11) 7 ½l 5th to Skelton (8-12) at Haydock (1m, £1,305, soft, Sep 6, 16 ran). BETTY ANN (9-0) 8 ½l 4th to Winding Path (8-8) with BLUE CEDAR (8-8) 2l further back in 5th at Ripon (6f £1,335, good to soft, Aug 15, 10 ran). MISS COMEDY, a close 6th to London Contact last time; earlier (8-8) 2 ½l 3rd to Bakers Dough (8-8) at Bath (6f, £776, soft, Jul 29, 11 ran). RACHELS PRINCE unplaced behind Delspre last time, earlier (8-11) 2l 2nd to Tymiton (8-8) at Edinburgh (7f, £569, good, Aug 2, 8 ran). ROYALTY FAIR (8-8) 3 ½l 3rd to Hers Hill at Haydock (1m, £1,305, soft, Sep 6, 15 ran). #Selection: ROYALTY FAIR.

3.15 WREN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,418: 1m) (8)

4	004031	ROYAL HARMONY (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	7
5	2120	SHARP NOBLE (Sheikh Mohamed Al Sabah) K Brassey 8-10	S Whitworth	1
7	040420	NO CREDIBILITY (M.Stewart) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	D Gibson	3
9	3-	BASSIM (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 8-7	Pat Eddery	6
10	0004-	BENNY'S EYES (J South) J L Harris 8-7	A Proud	5
15	433400	ELEGANT FASHION (Mrs S Hughes) W Guest 8-4	E Guest 3	4
16		GENERATION GAP (W Bailey) J Toller 8-4	A Mackay	8
17	28	GORGEOUS PRINCESS (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 8-4	W Ryan	2

1984: no corresponding race.

6-4 Royal Harmony, 9-4 Sharp Noble, 9-2 Bassim, 6 Gorgeous Princess, 12 No Credibility, 14 Elegant Fashion, 20 others.

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SEDGEFIELD

Going: good to firm

2.0 WHEATEAR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£482: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1	p331	KINDRED (CD) Ron Thompson 9-12-2 (5 ex)	Jayne Thompson	
2	30p0-	COLLAROY J Leigh 7-10-8	D Davies	
5	00/00	MICKEY TIM J P Smith 8-10-3	N Fearn	
7	00-00	LUND HEAD LADY (B) W Tinning 8-10-3	P A Farrell	
8	00-43	RUN FOR PORT G Moore 7-10-2	D Condell	
9	40p02-	CARLINGFORD BAY (CD) R Gray 8-10-2	D Hood	
10	024-0	MOSQUITO RIVER B Richmond 8-10-2	C Richmond	
12	0/0/0-	NOBLEU F Coton 8-10-1	Georgina Herbert	

5-4 Kindred, 7-2 Run for Port, 4 Mosquito River, 8 Carlingford Bay, 8 Mickey Tim, 12 Lund Head Lady, 14 others.

Sedgefield selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Kindred. 2.30 Excavator Lady. 3.0 Cleodoe Star. 3.30 Rivers Edge. 4.0 Brockhurst Lad. 4.30 Villiertsown. 5.0 Gods Law
Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Gennaro.

2.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY CHALLENGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£670: 2m) (7)

1	2011-	GENNARO (D) M Naughton 5-11-10	G Bradley	
2	3201-	CAMPUS BOY (CD) Mrs J Ramsden 4-11-9	H Davies	
3	01-01	DRAW THE LINE (D) B Richmond 8-11-9 (7 ex)	P Scudamore	
4	1048	VAL CLIMBER (D) K Morgan 7-11-5	S Smith Eccles	
5	0-223	EXCAVATOR LADY (B) (BF) G Moore 8-11-2	C Grant	
6	0130-	THE PROCESSOR (D) R Howe 4-11-2	P Tuck	
7	10-10	ROSEMAN (D) Ron Thompson 4-10-11	C Hawkins	

9-4 The Processor, 7-2 Roseman, 4 Draw the Line, 8 Campus Boy.

3.0 COLWAY TYRES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,688: 2m 4f) (14)

1	p041	OUR LOUISE (CD) A Scott 6-12-3 (7 ex)	Mr T Reed 4
2	1100-	TABRIZ GOLD (CD) J Johnson 6-11-7	G Bradley
3	00-00	MR DENETOP (CD) F Musgrave 7-11-6	Mr S Cunningham 7
4	21-41	CLEODOE STAR (CD) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-5 (7 ex)	Mr P Niven 7
5	31-	IDA'S DELIGHT J Charlton 5-11-4	R Earnshaw
6	231-2	PRINCE SANTIAGO (D) Denys Smith 6-11-3	C Grant
7	14p4-	RUN IN TUNE (CD) D Eddy 6-11-1	K Jones
8	020-0	ATS PRINCE K Stone 6-10-10	A Brown
9	01b3-	THORNBILL ARCH R Gray 6-10-6	S Charlton
10	-20-30	THELMAS SECRET (D) T Barnes 8-10-4	M Barnes
12	0100/	BEAU BRIGG D Lamb 12-10-0	R Lamb
14	3023-	PICKET LINE (D) Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-0	S Morshead
16	0-034	LAUGH-A-MINUTE Mrs D Cuthbert 6-10-0	C Pimlott
17	0003-	LITTLE MITTENS R Barr 7-10-0	-

11-4 Our Louise, 7-2 Cleodoe Star, 9-2 Prince Santiago, 11-2 Ida's Delight, 7 Thorbell Arch, 10 Run In Tune, 12 Picket Line, 14 others.

3.30 RAISBY QUARRIES LTD NOVICES' CHASE (£869: 2m) (11)

1	0u-11	RIVER'S EDGE (D) Denys Smith 7-12-2	C Grant	
2	6u0-3	DAWN DRIVER N Crump 8-11-2	C Hawkins	
6	0w40/	MADMARK W Jacques 10-11-2	M Brisbourne	
7	00-42	MAJOR ROCK (D) T Barnes 6-11-2	M Barnes	
8	000-0	MOSSY CONES W Stephenson 8-11-2	R Lamb	
9	3/30-p	RIGHT CHARLIE J Alder 10-11-2	Mrs V Jackson	
10	1f23-	SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX J WAde 9-11-2	B Storey	
11	p02p-	SWEET STREAM W Stephenson 6-11-2	Mr M Thompson 7	
12	400-p	WALTERSTOWN Mrs M Thomas 9-11-2	G Charles-Jones	
13	0p3-	EAST PARK J Jonnson 5-11-0	S McNeil	
15	00-00	SCOTTISH HIGHWAY A Fisher 9-10-11	D Fisher	

1-2 Rivers Edge, 1-2 Dawn River, 7 Shirlstar Buyabox, 10 Major Rock, 12 Mossy Cones, 14 others.

4.0 MAIL ON SUNDAY CHALLENGE HANDICAP CHASE (£859: 3m 800yds) (7)

1	p-122	WELFARE (CD) (BF) G Richards 7-11-10	G Bradley	
2	400-2	POLLY'S PAL S Payne 7-11-10	P Scudamore	
3	0p-p2	CHEF MARCEL (C) N Byrcroft 7-11-7	P Tuck	
4	312-3	STOP IT A Scott 10-11-7	S Smith Eccles	
5	p/00	ROYAL CAMILLY (B) J Norton 8-10-10	C Grant	
6	p4-pp	ARTSUM (CD) R Jeffrey 10-10-5	H Davies	
7	4310-	BROCKHURST LAD Denys Smith 7-10-3	S Morshead	

7-4 Welfare, 11-4 Polly's Pal, 7-2 Chef Marcel, 6 Stop It, 8 Brockhurst Lad, 14 others.

4.30 MICHAELMAS HANDICAP CHASE (£974: 2m)

2	13-23	SIR BADSWORTH (CD) T Laxton 7-11-10	M Brisbourne	
4	421-0	SAINT--MUNN (B) Mrs D Cuthan 11-10-11	R Earnshaw	
5	0400-	EVEN MELODY (CD) N Crump 16-10-10	C Hawkins	
6	0030-	VILLIERSTOWN (D) W Stephenson 6-10-9	R Lamb	
7	3-013	ABALIGHT Mrs M Thomas 7-10-7	G Charles-Jones	
8	400-0	LAW VENTURE Mrs P Sly 11-10-3	M Bastard	
9	134-0	BURGLARS WALK (D) Denys Smith 5-10-1	C Grant	

2 Burglars Walk, 3 Abelight, 4 Saint-Munn, 5 Even Melody, 8 Villierstown, 10 Sir Badsworth, 18 Law Venture.

5.0 STANDROP NOVICES' HURDLE (£588: 2m) (18)

1		BEN JARROW A Le Blond 6-11-2	-	
3	002/0	GIBBON N Byecroft 5-11-2	-	
4	00p-0	GINDANGO F Taylor 5-11-2	H Davies	
5	r/0-	KAUKUS W Storey 5-11-2	D Telfer 7	
7	00-34	HARBORO BOY B Richmond 5-11-2	S Jonnson	
9	0/	RAPID RETURN J Johnson 5-11-2	G Bradley	
12	0000	BOSTON LAD R Woodhouse 4-11-0	-	
13	00-	EMPIRIC W Watts 4-11-0	S Charlton	
14		GAN ON LAD Denys Smith 4-11-0	T G Davies	
15	34-	GODS LAW C Thornton 4-11-0	D Wilkinson	
17	00/-0	JODY'S BOY R Swiers 4-11-0	Mr S Swiers 7	
18	000-	SEA SCRIPT Denys Smith 4-11-0	C Grant	
20	340-4	WISE CRACKER G Richards 4-11-0	J Hansen	
21	222p	ANOTHER MOSS A Scott 5-10-11	B Storey	
22	p-0	IRISH CLIPPER J Johnson 5-10-11	S McNeill	
24	0000-	MOONLIGHTING J Parfrey 5-10-11	M Pepper	
25	0000-	TAX CODE N Crump 5-10-11	C Hawkins	
26		SCOOP THE KITTY E Alston 4-10-9	K Doolan	

5-2 Another Moss, 3 Wise Cracker, 4 Gan on Lad, 6 Gods Law, 8 Gibbon, 10 Narboro Boy, 16 others.

3.45 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (£2,680: 1m 4f) (22)

1	304300	MILTON BURN (B) (CD) (A Richards) D Hanley 4-9-7	A Murray	18
2	430040	SUGAR PALM (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 4-9-7	S Cauthen	12
4	300040	KING OF NAPLES (B) (S.P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-4	Pat Eddery	7
6	0/002-00	PENNY RED (C Harper) W Hastings-Bass 4-9-4	R Lines 3	21
7	000000	SUNAPA'S CHILLET (S Kaplan) A Jarvis 4-9-4	D Nicholls	20
8	023300	BENTY HEATH (Miss N Rome) J Eustace 4-9-0	W R Swinburn	10
11	00-00	DALAAM (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 3-8-12	B Rouse	9
12	034000	GRIFFEEDS (A Griffiths) J Wilson 3-8-12	B Thomson	22
15	000060	PELEGRIN (Sir K Burt) M Jarvis 3-8-12	T Ives	8
16	8-1400	RIMTH (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-12	T Quinn	13
17	0-0000	SMACK (Mrs V McKinney) H Collingridge 3-8-12	-	14
19	003318	TOPSOIL (D Rankoff) R Simpson 3

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ADAMS, Canon John Herbert, on 21st September at home, Great Clovelly, St Agnes. Funeral at the Parish Church on Thursday, 26th at 11 1-4am, followed by cremation

ANSTEY – On Saturday, 21st September, 1985, at Exmouth, Devon. The Lady Evelyn Frances, eldest daughter of the late 16th Earl of Devon and mother of Michael, Caroline, Lynette and Patrick Funeral service on Thursday, September 26th at 3 pm at Powderham Church. Flowers or donations in aid of Powderham Church may be sent to Torbay & District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

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de PEYER, E. C. V. – On September 22nd peacefully aged 86 Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, 11.50, East Chapel, on Thursday 26th. Very sadly missed by Marie, Gervase, Deirdre and Adrian.

EMBREY. – On 19th September in hospital, Mostyn Powell, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., aged 73 years, of 4 Cadogan Park, Woodstock, Oxford, dearly loved husband of Stella, a loving father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Woodstock, Oxford, at 2.00pm on Thursday, 26th September, 1985, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

GINNETT. – On Saturday September 22, 1985, Janet Alexandra Charlotte Ginnett, aged 79 years Funeral service Mortlake Crematorium Friday September 27 at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to James Coulborn, Funeral Directors, 61 Greyhound Road, London W6

GOULDER On September 20th, peacefully after a long illness, Charles Roy, aged 88 Dearly loved husband of the late Dorrien Maude, father of Pam and Brian, grandfather of Susan, Graham, Shirley, Jackie and David, brother-in-law of Eileen Clarke. Service of "thanksgiving" Keston Parish church, Saturday September 28th, 10am followed by cremation. Donations to Ashridge Beaumont Nursing Home, 165 Barnhorn Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. Flowers and enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, 332 Crofton Road, Farnborough, Kent. Tel: 53277.

GULLETT. On September 21st, 1985 after a long fight borne with great courage, R. A. H. (Dick), dear husband of Ursula. Funeral Private. No flowers please, but donations, if desired to: St Giles Hospice, Whittington, Staffs.

JESSEL. – On 20th September, 1985, suddenly in London, David beloved husband of Tillie, father of Richard and Davina. Funeral service Golders Green Crematorium at 3.45pm on Wednesday, 25th September. Family flowers only.

MAYHEW, A G H (Geoffrey), MC, on 22nd September 1985, at home in Tunbridge Wells, aged 86. Loved husband for 25 years of Elizabeth, and previously of Sheila, loved father of Patrick and grandfather. Formerly of BP Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells crematorium (Bon Hall Mill Rd), 27th September, at 10am. Family flowers only to E R Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Rd, Tunbridge Wells.

DEATHS

McINTYRE. – On September 23, 1985, Robert Bliss after a brief illness at home in Toronto.

McNEILL – John Ross, on Sunday 22nd September 1985, as the result of a tragic accident at the age of 20 years. Much loved son and brother. Funeral from The Old House, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury at Coombe Bissett Church, on Friday 27th September at 2pm. Flowers to H. A. Harrold & Son Ltd

MISHAEL – Herbert, of The Age and The Times, in Perth, Western Australia, in his 86th year. Remembered and loved by his wife, daughters, sons-in-laws and grandchildren.

PEEL, Professor R F. – On Saturday, September 21st, Funeral September 26th at St Catherines College, Cambridge at 1.45 p m. followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations to the Expeditions Fund of the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore.

ROBERTS. – On September 22nd 1985, at St Christopher's Hospice, Arthur Graham Lines, of Bickley, Kent. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium on Thursday 26th September at 3pm Family flowers only please Donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Road, London, SE26.

SAMMONS – On September 20, peacefully in a nursing home, George Leslie, aged 86 years, much loved father and grandfather. Service on Monday September 30 at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road at 2.15pm No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research, c-o Alfs Pecock, 30a Hawes Lane, West Wickham, Kent.

SHERRING. – On September 19th, Margaret Louisa (nee Ryder), peacefully at Arthur Rank House, Cambridge, after a long illness. Loving wife of the late George Edwin Sherring and much loved sister of Anne, Elizabeth and David. Funeral service will be Friday September 27th at 2.45 in Helmingham Parish Church and afterwards at Ipswich Crematorium. Flowers to Peaks Funeral Services, Debenham. Tel 0728 860268 or donations to Leukaemia Research

SINCLAIR. – On September 19th, Brita Magdalena, nc Trasgardh, beloved mother of Christopher and Peter, mother-in-law of Maggie and lovingly remembered by her former husband George Angelogiou. Private cremation in Cambridge. Thursday, September 26th.

ST JOHNSTON, EVELYN MARY (Molly) – On 20th September aged 80, wife of the late Ronald St Johnston FRCP and mother of Gillian, Charles, Priscilla and Hilary. Funeral at Broadclyst Parish Church, near Exeter, Thursday 26th September at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Heller & Sons, 8 Cockpit Hill, Dullimoor, or telephone Exeter 61348.

WYATT. On 21st September, Thomas of 28 Manor Vale Road, Gatmpton, Brixham, Devon (late of Biddington House, Manchester). Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Saturday 28th, September at 11 am.

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MONTAGU. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Judge the Hon. Ewen E. S. Montagu, CBE, QC, will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October, 1985 at 5pm at the Temple Church, EC4.

MONTAGU. A Memorial Service for the Hon. Ewen E. S. Montagu, CBE, QC, will be held on Wednesday 16th October 1985 at 6pm at the New West End Synagogue, St. Petersburgh Place, W.2.

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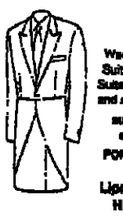
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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; the advice panel answers viewers' calls at 7.32 and 8.45. Plus, gardening hints from Alan Titchmarsh and a recipe from Glynn Christian. The guests include Kelly Monteith and Instant Sunshine.
9.20 Ceefax. **10.30** Play School. **10.50** Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. Followed by news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes Kenneth Williams and advice on coping with the stresses of everyday living from Dr Claire Weekes. 1.45 Postman Pat. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.
3.55 Paddington. Michael Hordern narrates the story of A Bear in Hot Water (r). 4.00 Bertha, narrated by Roy Kinnear with Sheila Walker (r). 4.15 Dastardly and Muttley. Cartoon series (r). 4.25 The Kwicky Koala Show. The last in the cartoon series.
4.45 Beat the Teacher. Paul Jones presents another round of the noughts and crosses quiz game between a pupil and a teacher. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Think Again. Johnny Ball with a lighthearted look at the role of the police force.
5.35 Charles in Charge. Comedy series about a teenage, male nanny. This week he decides to stay neutral during a disagreement between two of his charges.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds with another round in his search for the family with the widest knowledge of television programmes. This week, the seemingly invincible Pain family from Swindon are challenged by the Porters of Thame in Oxfordshire.
7.30 EastEnders. Lou and Pauline are adamant that Arthur should be told about Michelle's pregnancy, while Kelvin falls foul of the forger passing dud £20 notes (Ceefax).
8.00 Big Deal. Bobby, desperate for Jan to stay in this country, steals her necklace, pawns it and uses the money to fly Debby over from Australia. Dressing to go out Jan discovers that the piece of jewelry is missing while Bobby becomes involved in a betting shop robbery (Ceefax).
8.50 Points of View. Barry Took takes a dip into the BBC's post bag.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
9.25 Cagney and Lacey. Dory is keen to marry Christine but she is not sure if she is ready for marriage and even less certain after she and Mary Beth investigate a shot fired into a luxury penthouse where a wealthy divorcee and her impoverished lover are enjoying a cosy evening.
10.15 Film 85 presented by Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are The Holcroft Covenant and Fletch.
10.45 O'Donnell Investigates . . . Food. Dr Michael O'Donnell continues his researches into the unhealthy eating habits of the British (r).
11.15 Late Night in Concert. Anne Nightingale introduces The Cult, recorded at a concert at the Lyceum, London.
11.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.50, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Russle Lee visits Cadbury's chocolate factory at 8.17; film review at 8.34; Doris Stokes talks about the spiritual world at 9.04; Jilly Cooper reviews the women's magazines at 9.12. The guests include Dorgan and Willie Rushton.

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9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: Physics: electrostatics 2. 9.55 What makes you happy? 10.08 What parents do when their children are at school. 10.26 Pregnancy and childbirth. 10.48 Evolution 2. 11.10 Rhythm and percussion. 11.27 Healthy eating. 11.44 The changes in children's magazines over the past few years.
12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of the Circus Baby. 12.10 Rainbow. (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news, presented by Robin Houston. 1.30 Return of the Saint. Simon Templar, on a ski-ing holiday, runs into a murder (r).
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical interest. 3.00 Cross Wits. Game show presented by Barry Cryer. With Anna Dawson and Peter Jones. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Flicks. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 Doris. Cartoon adventures of a cat. 4.20 Storybook International: The Discontented Daughter (Oracle).
4.45 Splash visits the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall to see the gymnastics squad training for the world championships. 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Bill Wigmore reports on two directors of a small football club who have made £80,000 each from selling the ground they were supposed to be protecting. The semi-professional club has now gone to the wall.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. The auction begins and Jack Sudgen and Alan Turner are the first bidders.
7.30 Name That Tune. Fast moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.
8.00 The Mike Yarwood Show with guests, Denis Healey, Stephanie Lawrence and Janet Street-Porter.
9.00 Travelling Man. Lomax and Steve spend a week together on the canals. Steve knows his father needs money in order to find the man that framed him and makes a generous offer. But this offer brings the heavies down in a big way (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Steve Davis: Pot of Gold. A profile of the millionaire snooker player with contributions from Spitting Image puppets and his arch rival, Alex Higgins. Narrated by Dickie Davis (Oracle).
11.30 Ice Skating: Highlights from the opening day of the St Ivel International at Richmond Ice Rink, introduced by Jim Rosenthal with commentary from Simon Reed and Betty Callaway.
12.30 Night Thoughts from the Rev David Bushworth-Smith.



Greta Scacchi: Waterfront, Channel 4, 9.00pm

● WATERFRONT (Channel 4, 9.00pm), the three-part Australian television serial of which tonight's episode is the first, has several qualities that we find in good cinema movies. The writing (by Mac Gudgeon) is not one of them. The best you can say about it is that it is functional. And, in terms of factuality, it must also count for something that Mr Gudgeon, while working in the Melbourne docks in the 1960s, absorbed many first-hand accounts of the bitter docklands disputes of the 1920s which he has worked into the narrative of *Waterfront*. Considering everything – politics, industrial conflict, and romance are not the most compatible of bed-fellows – it is astonishing that *Waterfront* works so well. Among its incidental delights is Warren Mitchell's vaudeville comedian, shedding

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everything vocal and facial that links him with Alf Garnett. Among its principal delights is the intelligent beauty of Greta Scacchi, as an Italian immigrant. Genuine Italians will not be fooled by the actor who plays her father (John Karlsen). He is about as Italian as *smorbrod*.
● TWO LAST CHANCES (BBC 2, 9.30pm), this week's *Probation* documentary, is cleverly structured because it shows that the probation officer's recommendation can be both decisive and ineffectual when a prison sentence is the only punishment that has not yet been imposed on persistent offenders. In one of tonight's two cases, the layman can learn something of the favourable impact a caring wife can have on an offender's fate. In the other, the rehabilitating effect of Community Service is touched upon. *Probation* gets better by the week. It seems we shall just have to put up with the quality of the sound in the interests of authenticity.
● Radio choice: Maurice Hasson playing the Paganini Violin Concerto No 1 with the Ulster Orchestra in a concert that also includes Borodin's second symphony (Radio 3, 12.10pm); and Adrian Mourby's documentary about the building of the Severn Tunnel, THAT ILL-FATED CAVITY (Radio 4, 4.00pm), a subject that is tailor-made for the BBC's binaural recording system that is seriously under-used. Listen through your stereophonic headphones if you want to experience something that is genuinely, and thrillingly, disorientating.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Geology: Britain Before Man. 6.55 is Social Science Really Necessary? Ends at 7.20.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Daytime on Two: For moderately handicapped young adults. 9.35 Fecamp at festival time. 9.52 Maths: the importance of zero. 10.15 Reading for seven to nine-year-olds. 10.38 The industrial decline of Cleveland, on Lake Erie. 11.00 The grain harvest. 11.17 What were the children from the remedial class doing in the schools television studio?
11.39 Ecology and conservation. 12.00 A profile of Marguerite Chabert, the Queen of the Beaujolais. 12.30 German conversation. 12.55 Learning English from popular television programmes. 1.20 Holy Week celebrations in a Castilian village. 1.38 Building a house in Scotland. 2.00 For four and five-year-olds. 2.15 History: The Peasants' Revolt of 1381. 2.40 The system of measurement. 3.00 Ceefax.
5.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.
5.30 Championship Darts. Highlights of the second round matches played last night in the Unipart British Professional Championship.
6.25 Open to Question. Facing the questions thrown at him by some 50 young people is the Leader of the Opposition, Neil Kinnock.
7.00 No Limits. The last show of the series finds the presenters, Lisa Maxwell and Jeremy Legg in London, reviewing the capital's rock scene, the latest films, videos and chart sounds.
8.00 Hooked! International. Heat three and the Great Britain and Ireland team, represented by Ian Heaps, Alan Larkin and Richard Borley, meet the Italians, Milo Colombo, A. G. Drupi and Mortignon Paolo, along the Erne system in County Cavan. Elsewhere, Roy Dotrice and his wife, Kay, go deep sea fishing.
8.30 Top Gear. What will the driver have to pay for government legislation on the reduction of pollution caused by car emission? William Woollard investigates; Tom Swallow recalls a car club created by himself and fellow inmates of a prisoner-of-war camp; and Chris Goffey tests the new Citroen BX Estate.
9.00 Lame Ducks. Comedy series. Mr Drake and his friends find a new home – a dilapidated railway station.
9.30 Probation. (See Choice).
10.10 Championship Darts. Further coverage of the Unipart British Professional Championship.
10.50 Newsnight. 11.35 Weather.
11.40 Championship Darts. Highlights of the evening's matches.
12.10 Open University: Physics of White Dwarf Stars. 12.35 Three Families: Jerusalem. Ends at 1.05.

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2.30 Film: Major Barbara* (1941) starring Wendy Hiller and Rex Harrison. A George Bernard Shaw comedy about the daughter of a millionaire armaments manufacturer who joins the Salvation Army. There she meets an impoverished Greek professor who, unknown to her, has joined the Army to be near her. With Robert Morley, Robert Newton, Emlyn Williams and, making her screen debut, Deborah Kerr. Directed by Gabriel Pascal.
5.00 Bewitched. Samantha paints a picture for a charity exhibition but her mother, Endora, is not too impressed with the work and changes it for a masterpiece with Samantha's signature inscribed.
5.30 Anything We Can Do. Dramatized series illustrating how a family comes to terms with the computer age (r) (Oracle).
6.00 At the Cinema Palace – Liam O'Leary. A tribute to the grand old man of the Irish cinema on the eve of his 75th birthday. The programme tells his story with the help of archive film, stills and contributions from a number of his many friends. An appeal for a state funded national film archive in Ireland is also included.
7.00 Channel Four News
7.50 Comment. With her views on a matter of topical importance is Irene McGibbon, wife of an ex-miner from Kent and national organizer of the Miners' Wives Back to Work Campaign. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Heather finds out something interesting about Tom while Doreen's mother, Julia, lets some old cats out of the bag.
8.30 Case on Camera. His Honour Alan King-Hamilton presides over the last case of the series. A London busker, John Simmons, is suing a dating agency for the return of his £40 fee because, he claims, the dates they arranged were 'farcical'.
9.00 Waterfront. Episode one of a three-part Australian-made mini-series set in Melbourne in the late Twenties. Jack Thompson stars as Maxey, a happy-go-lucky character who becomes embroiled in union unrest and emotionally with an Italian immigrant. With Greta Scacchi, Warren Mitchell and Ray Barrett. (See Choice.)
10.50 Mosaic: Black Dog, a play produced and performed by the Market Theatre of Johannesburg, exploring some of the events surrounding a local hero during the 1976 Soweto riots.
11.35 Individual Voices. The second of a series of ten concerts recorded at the Camden Jazz Festival in 1981. Tonight's concert features the Hannibal Marvin Peterson/Don Weller Quintet who perform compositions by Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk.
12.30 Close.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.
6.30 Today 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Haunted Major by Robert Marshall (2). Reader: Nigel Anthony. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411 – Arthritis: Barbara Myers chairs a phone-in to medical experts (lines open from 8.00 am). Those taking part include Dr Douglas Woolf, chairman of Arthritis Care, and Paul Dieppe, consultant in rheumatology, Bristol Royal Infirmary.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. BBC reporters talk about the countries they work in.
10.30 Morning Story: Off Duty by Diana Gruffydd Williams. Reader: John Darran.
10.45 Daily service (New Every Morning, page 21).†
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Waterfalls by David Ashton. With David Ashton and Emma Piper. Marriage at the crossroads.†
11.33 Wildlife (Derek Jones).
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Paul Clark.
12.27 Round Britain Quiz.† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a feature about the British Consumers' protest movement against apartheid.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Other Side of the Coin, by Stephen Fagan. With Peter Vaughan, Mark Wing-Davey and Narissa Knights heading the cast. The story of a radio feature that goes disastrously wrong.†
4.00 News; That Ill-Tempered Cavity (stereo/binaural). The construction of the Severn Tunnel, recreating the sounds that engineer Thomas Walker's miners and divers would have heard under the Bristol Channel 100 years ago. (See Choice.)
4.40 Story Time: 'Just Williams' – the new autobiography of Kenneth Williams (7). Read by the author.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News. Financial Report.
6.30 Top of the Form (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 File on 4. After Handsworth, is there a new verdict on Scarman?
8.00 The Family. How families influence their members and turn them into the people they eventually become (3). Three's a Family.
8.30 Hospice at Home. Gwyn Richards reports on a new home-care service for terminal cancer sufferers in Worcester.
9.00 In touch. Magazine for people with a visual handicap.
9.30 An infamous address. Roger Wilkes visits Tranby Croft, Yorkshire – in September, 1890, scene of the Royal Baccarat Scandal.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine with Michael Oliver. Includes comment on the new season at the Comedie theatre in London, and the Radio 4 play A Private Grief.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway (7). Read by William Roberts. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Music at Night. Bach's Concerto for 4 harpsichords and 3rd orchestral Suite, played by the English Concert.
12.00 News, weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and Wales) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Science: The Climate. 1.50 Music interlude. 12.30-1.10 Schools night-time broadcasting: A-level English - Shakespeare's Language (2).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Telemann's Concerto in E (Academy of Ancient Music, and solo instrumentalists); Mozart's Sonata in C, K330 (Uchida, piano); Debussy's Rhapsody (Pieterson, clarinet/Amsterdam Concertgebouw); **8.00** News. **8.05** Berlioz's Ballade, The Damnation of Faust (Frederica Von Stade, mezzo/Chicago SO); Tchaikovsky's Fantasy: Francesca da Rimini (Cleveland Orchestra).† **9.00** News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Myaskovsky. Symphony No 7 (Moscow Radio SO), a mono recording; and Sonata No 4 in C minor, Op 27 (Slobodyanik, piano), in stereo.
10.00 Bohemian Relations: Dusek's Symphony in D (Prague Chamber Orchestra); Kozeluh's Bassoon Concerto in C (Herman, with Prague Chamber Orchestra); Kozeluh's Symphony in F (Prague CO).†
10.55 BCC Singers. Ravel's Trois Chansons; Poulenc's Four Little Prayers of St Francis of Assisi; Roussel's Madrigal aux Muses; Canteloube's Bailero.†
11.25 Clarinet and Piano: Angela Malsbury (clarinet) and David Pettit. Milhaud's Duo Concertant; Howell's Sonata; Antonin Tucapasky's Four Dialogues.†
12.10 Ulster Orchestra (under Watanabe), with Maurice Hasson (violin). Part 1. Rossini's overture Thieving Magpie; Paganini's Violin Concerto No 1.† **1.00** News.
1.05 Concert part 2 Mussorgsky's A Night on the Bare Mountain; Ravel's Tzigane; Borodin's Symphony No 2.†
1.55 Guitar Encores: Balint Bakfark Guitar Orchestra play Leo Brouwer's Blue Sky and Smile.†
2.10 Eve of Yom Kippur. Recordings of works including Bruch's Kol Nidrei (RPO under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with cellist Paul Tortelier); Schoenberg's Kol Nidre (with the CBC SO, and Victor Braun as speaker); Bloch's Schelomo (French National Orchestra, with Rostropovich, cello) and Wilfred Joseph's Requiem, with Robert Dawe (baritone) and Adelaide String Quartet, Chorus and SO.†
4.00 Song-Cycles by Schubert and Beethoven. David Wilson-Johnson (baritone) and David Owen Norris, (fortepiano). Schubert's Winterreise, part 1; Beethoven's An die ferne Geliebte.† **4.55** News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Jeremy Seppmann with a programme of recorded music.†
6.30 Notre Dame Conductus, AD 1200: Secular and devotional songs, with texts by Philippe, Chancellor of Paris. New London Consort.†
7.00 From Notre Dame to Montmartre: Franz Schmidt's Carnival Music and Intermezzo (Philharmonia); Gershwin's An American in Paris (Victor SO).†
7.30 Second Sense: Colin Blakemore, Professor of Physiology at Oxford University explores our present understanding of the complex mechanisms of hearing. Contributors include Professors Ted Evans, Bob Capranica and Jim Hudspeth.
8.15 Webern and his Contemporaries: Phyllis Bryn-Julson (soprano), Ensemble Intercontemporain Choir of Radio France (under Boulez). Part 1. Berg's Sonata for Piano, Op 1; Webern's Entflieht auf leichten Kahnen Op 2; Two Lieder, Op 19; Five Canons, Op 16; Five Sacred Lieder, Op 15.†
8.45 Our Lady of the Pickpockets: Sophie Thompson reads Dilys Rose's story.
9.05 Webern and his Contemporaries; Part 2. Berg's Four Pieces for clarinet and piano, Op 5. Webern's Eight Fragments, 1911 and 1913. Six Lieder, Op 14; Four Lieder, Op 13, Schoenberg's Four pieces for chorus, Op 27; Three Satires, Op 28.†
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Django Bates and Steve Arguelles Duo.†
11.00 For Paris and the King of Prussia: Haydn works including Symphony No 83; String Quartet in D, Op 50 No 6 (Tokyo String Quartet); and songs including Eine sehr gewohnliche (sung by Elly Amaling).†
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.
VHF only: Open University. From 8.35am to 6.55. The novel and the human image.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 am Colin Berry † **6.00** Ray Moore.† **8.00** Ken Bruce.† **10.30** Jimmy Young plus medical questions answered by Dr Bill Dolman.† **1.05** Sports Desk, David Jacobs.† **2.00** Gloria Hunniford incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† **4.00** David Hamilton† incl 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. **6.00** John Dunn† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and classified results (MF) only. **8.00** When You Wish Upon a Star. The story of Walt Disney (7) "Disneyland". Narrated by Hayley Mills (r).† **9.00** BBC Radio Orchestra † **9.55** Sports Desk. **10.00** Don't Stop Now – It's Fundabon. Non-stop cabaret with Fundabon – Joe Griffiths (piano), Gareth Hale, Norman Pace, Terry Morrison and Maryanne Morgan. **10.30** Spinners and Friends (with comedienne Faith Brown). **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). **1.00 am** Peter Dickson presents Nightride.† **3.00-4.00** Night Owls.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from **6.30 am** until **9.30 pm** and at **12 midnight**.
6.00 am Adrian John. **7.00** Mike Read. **9.00** Simon Bates. **12.00** Paul Jordan, incl **12.30 pm** Newsbeat. **2.30** Steve Wright. **5.00** Bruno Brookes, incl **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.30** Janice Long and at **9.00** John Walters presents his diary. **10.00-12.00** John Peel † VHF Radios 1 & 2: **4.00 am** With Radio 2. **10.00 pm** With Radio 1. **12.00-4.00 am** With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. **5.30** Counterpoint. **7.00** World News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Zoo Walk UK. **7.45** Network UK. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** The Poison Belt. **8.30** America at the Proms. **9.00** World News. **9.09** Review of the British Press. **9.15** The World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** What's New. **10.00** News Summary. **10.01** Discovery. **11.00** World News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** Waveguide. **11.30** A Letter From Scotland. **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Nature Knows Best. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** World News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Network UK. **1.45** Recording Of The Week. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** The Sacred Choir. **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** A Jolly Good Show. **4.00** World News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Omnibus. **7.45** That Trad. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **8.30** Nature Knows Best. **9.00** News Summary. **9.15** Concert Hall. **10.00** World News. **10.09** The World Today. **10.25** A Letter From Scotland. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** World News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** Prima Donna. **11.30** Mondian. **12.00** World News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Omnibus. **1.00** News Summary. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** Report On Religion. **1.45** Country Style. **2.00** World News. **2.09** Review of the British Press. **2.15** Prima Donna. **2.30** Johnson and Chipper. **3.00** World News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** The World Today. **4.45** Financial News. **4.55** Reflections. **5.00** World News. **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **5.45** The World Today

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BBC1 Wales: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show. 9.25-11.15 Play: Penyberth (in Welsh with English subtitles. 11.15-12am Film 85. 12.05-12.35 O'Donnell investigates Food. 12.35-12.40 News and weather. Scotland: 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Charles in Charge. 7.00-7.30 Channel One. 11.45-11.30 News and weather. England: 5.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30am-1.00 Whiskers and Wet Noses. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughter. 5.15-5.45 Crazy World of Sport. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game. 11.30 Jan & Steve. 11.35 Ice Skating. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Rptime 3.30-4.00 Beverly Hillbillies." 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.30am Acker At The Fleece. 12.55 News, Closedown.

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HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 The Baron. 6.00 News. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-12.00 Schools. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Second Last Post. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.30 am In Tune With Heaven. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Whiskers and wet noses. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 The Champions. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.35 Televiews. 6.30-7.00 Newhart. 11.30 Postscript. 11.35 Ice Skating. 12.31 am Closedown.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20 News. 1.30 The Baron. 2.25-3.30 Tales of Crime. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road. 12.30 am Late Call, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Simon & Simon. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00-3.30 Questions. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.30 Company. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Winter Music. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.30am Closedown.

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Black sections would be tragic says Hattersley

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley said last night that the establishment of black sections would be a tragedy for the Labour Party.

They were an affront to the pride of the black and Asian British and, because they categorized, classified and separated men and women according to their race, should be anathema to all socialists, he said.

Mr Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, was speaking in Birmingham the day after an unofficial black section was set up in his Sparkbrook constituency in the city.

In a reference to that decision, taken at a meeting from which several leading Asian members of the constituency party walked out in protest, Mr Hattersley said that in Sparkbrook the demand for a black section could only be sustained by a public meeting largely composed of and principally addressed by speakers from outside Sparkbrook.

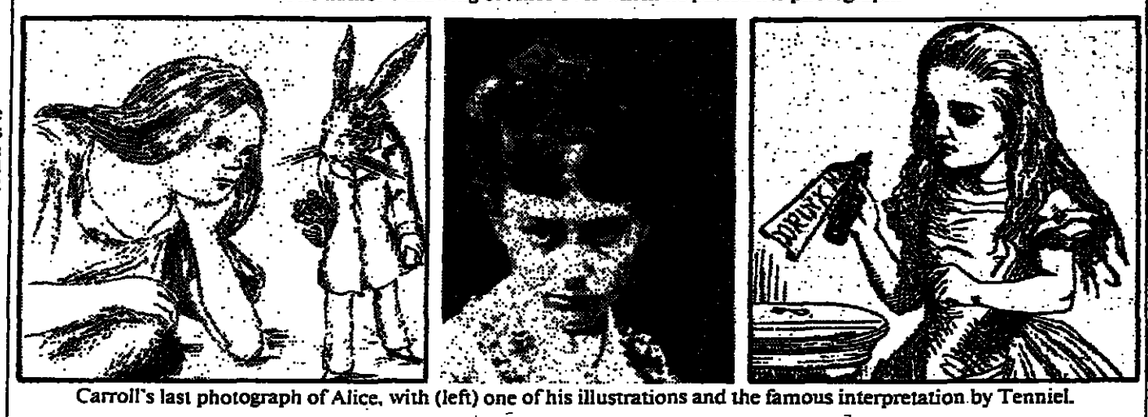
"The overwhelming objection to black sections is that they divide us when we should be united. The idea of exclusively black groups holding separate meetings, sending their own delegates to the local Labour Party and organizing their own conference is repugnant to the vast majority of my Asian constituents", he said.

The uncompromising terms of Mr Hattersley's rejection seem likely to heighten the tension between the pro- and anti-black section campaigners before next week's debate at the party conference

Alice's secret portrait revealed



The author's drawing of Alice over which he pasted her photograph.



Carroll's last photograph of Alice, with (left) one of his illustrations and the famous interpretation by Tenniel.

Alice did not begin her famous adventures all at one in wonderland. First of all she was, more prosaically, under ground.

The story of the story is well enough known: how Charles Lutwidge Dodgson and his friend Duckworth took the Liddell girls rowing on the Isis from Oxford to Godstowe on a "golden afternoon"; how Dodgson made up Alice's adventures as they went along; and how, at her insistence, he turned the whole improvisation into a book.

But he did not just think up a suitable *nom de plume* and send the manuscript to a likely publisher. *Alice's Adventures Under Ground* was copied out in an easily legible longhand as a present for Alice: "A Christmas Gift to a Dear Child in Memory of a Summer's Day" as the dedication put it.

Space was left for illustrations, which Dodgson drew himself with much effort, and much naive attractiveness; the sheets were bound in green morocco leather and the book given to Alice on November 26, 1864.

While this work was going forward *Alice in Wonderland* was also taking shape – a more elaborately planned story, twice as long as the manuscript original, and illustrated by John Tenniel. But Alice's manuscript was not forgotten, and it has developed a history of its own.

A hundred years ago Carroll borrowed it from Alice, who by that time had become Mrs Reginald Hargreaves, and prepared a facsimile edition which Macmillan published in 1886.

In 1928, when the fortunes of the Hargreaves family were in decline, Alice put the manuscript into Sotheby's where it was sold to the dealer, A. S. W. Rosenbach, of Philadelphia, for a then record price of £15,400.

The book did not remain in America. A group of donors raised $50,000 in 1948 and returned the manuscript, care of the British Museum.

Facsimiles of the manuscript have continued to be published; there have been five since 1886, including a paperback version first published for the equivalent of 42½p. With the centenary in mind, Pavilion Books has produced a sixth

It's a pleasant enough piece of work, even though for some inscrutable reason, the order of the title-page and dedication has been reversed. Compensation comes, though, at the other end of the book where the manuscript's chief secret is revealed.

When he first wrote out the story Dodgson appended to the final page a little drawing of the real Alice who is nothing like the girl in the illustrations. But then, perhaps dissatisfied with his artistry, Carroll pasted over the drawing one of his photographs of Alice, and those two portraits have now been printed in tandem.

Letter from Moscow

Plenty to say, but no one to answer

"I suppose when Gorbachov goes to Paris next week he'll be all smiles again," one British diplomat said with a touch of malice in the aftermath of the Anglo-Soviet tit-for-tat row.

The over-worked phrase about the iron teeth hidden behind Mr Gorbachov's winning smile does express an essential truth about the Soviet leader: he is a hard man, raised in a political system where you have to be ruthless and brutal to reach the top, yet he has also proved a master of public relations on the international stage, conveying a smooth and reasonable image to world opinion.

He is the very model of a new Communist leader – educated, sophisticated, a stylish wife – as Mrs Thatcher found when he came to Britain last year.

Since Mr Gorbachov came to power in March the image has been polished further, much to the dismay of the White House, which has been left looking ham-fisted and truculent while Mr Gorbachov moves with apparent ease from disarmament initiatives to his relaxed interview with *Time* magazine.

In choosing to hit back hard at Britain over the expulsions, Mr Gorbachov evidently calculated that he could afford to offend his erstwhile admirer, Mrs Thatcher, without seriously damaging his carefully built-up image as a flexible and affable man.

There is time in any case to restore that image in France, with which Russia feels its has a special relationship, before the final round in the public relations battle: the summit with President Ronald Reagan.

Many diplomats and observers here feel the tit-for-tat episode with London not only revealed KGB fury over the defection of a senior agent in Britain, but also touched on a raw nerve in the Gorbachov leadership: intense national pride.

"Gorbachov wants his country to be treated like a real superpower, not like a backward nation which happens to have missiles," one American observer said. "He wants full equality."

The problem is, however, that for all his education and sophistication, and for all his fleetness of foot on the world stage, at home in Russia Mr Gorbachov is indeed operating in an economic and social context which by Western standards is backward and outdated.

Most western visitors to Moscow feel they are stepping back in time, perhaps to the fifties, and many of the bureaucratic attitudes which hinder Russia's development are inherited from even earlier times, the days of the Tsars.

In his interview with *Time*, Mr Gorbachov noted sardonically that America was always justifying its arms programme by saying Russia was advanced in weapons technology, while denigrating Russia as a nation of recently urbanized peasants. But the paradox is a real one: both are true.

This dissonance between the old and the new emerges most clearly in the striking contrast between Mr Gorbachov's "meet the people" tours, with their new style of political debate, and the failure of Soviet people to respond.

At the Tyumen oil and gas fields recently, he lectured his audience gently, joked with them, delivered impromptu homilies. The only reaction was baffled silence from the assembled *apparatchiks*, who bent their heads to write notes, preferring to pass on instructions than to engage in repartee or debate – least of all with the feared leader himself.

"He talks sense," one intellectual said, watching Mr Gorbachov on television talking to farmers in Kazakhstan, "but he is talking to himself."

The only people who seem able to respond to the new sophistication are the better educated factory workers, the high-achieving "heroes of Socialist Labour" who have the confidence and knowledge to take Mr Gorbachov on.

The Russians are proud of his performance on the world stage, but have not yet grasped that at home too he is trying to behave like a sophisticated politician in a system which has a long way to go before it catches up with him and which instinctively prefers empty rituals, dull set speeches and meaningless resolutions.

Mr Gorbachov's hopes of change could rest on how long it takes to turn his one-man monologue into a genuine dialogue with his own people. As he has himself often remarked, he needs peace abroad so he can concentrate on pressing matters at home.

Richard Owen

Greenpeace evidence 'missing'

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Reaction yesterday to his admission of the French intelligence service's responsibility for the sinking concentrated not so much on what he had said as on what he had not said. What everyone wanted to know was: who gave the orders?

The Government ad evidently hoped that Admiral Lacoste's dismissal would be an indirect answer to that question: hence the great interest in M Villineuve's high-places sources' assertion that it was not a member of the military.

M Alain Savary, the former Education Minister, said yesterday: "in an affair as serious as this, the military could not have acted without reference to a very high political level. It is a wretched affair for France and its institutions."

Regret over the damage the scandal is doing to France was also expressed yesterday by M Bernard Tricot, author of the official inquiry, which exonerated the Government and the intelligence branch from all involvement.

"I feel as if I have been made a laughing stock," he said. Yes, that is all I can say. I feel a deep sadness when I think of the friends I met, some of whom I am afraid did not tell the truth.

Tories keen to improve their image

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failure of all of us." But he placed some blame on the news media for "the problem in getting across the reality and truth of what the Government has been doing".

The Charter Movement, which has campaigned for several years to improve democracy within the Conservatives Party, challenged Mr Tebbit to do for the party what he did for trade unions as Secretary of State for Employment, and make it accountable to its members.

Mr Eric Chalker, speaking for the movement, said that it wouls again hold elections at Blackpool for the party officers' posts, including Mr Tebbit's position of chairman and that of the new deputy chairman, Mr Jeffrey Archer.

He said that the party's achievement in trade union reform was weakened by the hypocricy with which it called for democratic rights to be given to members of other voluntary organizations and refused the same rights to its own members.

Train death

A girl believed to be aged about 12 fell to her death from a train on her way to school half a mile from Colchester North

Aged victims

An appeal for money specifically for elderly people caught up in the Mexican earthquake disaster has been launched by Help the Aged. Cheques payable to Help the Aged Mexico Appeal should be sent to the charity at St James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE. The number issued by the Foreign Office for relatives seeking information is 01-233 5619.

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France Fr	12.23	11.58
Germany DM	4.01	3.83
Greece Dr	194.00	184.00
Hong Kong $	11.35	10.80
Ireland Pt	1.285	1.235
Italy Lira	2715.00	2585.00
Japan Yen	345.00	328.00
Netherlands Gld	4.51	4.30
Norway Kr	11.90	11.25
Portugal Esc	238.00	227.00
South Africa Rd	3.60	3.10
Spain Pta	235.50	226.50
Sweden Kr	12.07	11.52
Switzerland Fr	3.255	3.135
USA $	1.49	1.42
Yugoslavia Dnr	440.00	400.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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London: The *FT* index closed down 6.9 at 989.3.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales visits the Chinese Community Centre, Gerrard Street, W1, 3.00.

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, visits the 10th Signal Regiment's Headquarters at Wilton, 10.00, and squadrons at Aldershot, 2.30, and Chelsea, 3.40.

Princess Alexandra unveils the memorial erected by the Police Memorial Trusts, before members of the Metropolitan Police Force in Hans Crescent, SW1, 2.50; in the evening, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Over-Seas League, she visits Over-Seas House, St James's, SW1.

Last chance to see

Paintings in oil by Bruno Guaitamacchi and sculptures by David Backhouse, Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk: Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

Watercolours by Ron Jesty, the Blake Gallery, George's Lane, Crewkerne; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (ends today).

Music

Organ recital by James Lancelot, Winchester College Chapel, 7.30.

Violin recital by Brian Underwood, Chichester Cathedral, 1.10.

Concert by Baroque Virtuosi, Repton Music School, Repton, 7.45.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Organ recital by Ronald Frost, St Ann's Church, Manchester, 12.45.

Organ recital by John Scott, Hexham Abbey, 8.00.

Talks, lectures

The theatre and the people by John Drummond, the Netherbow Theatre, 43 High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Canterbury Festival: What is Italian opera? by Norman Platt, Old Synagogue, Canterbury, 5.

General

D H Lawrence Centenary Festival: poetry readings by Carole Ann Duffy and Susan Taylor, Beeston Library, Beeston, Nottingham, 7.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Cheltenham Art Club exhibition, Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Clarence Street, Cheltenham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Oct 5).

Miniature African sculptures and drawings by Josef Herman, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 20).

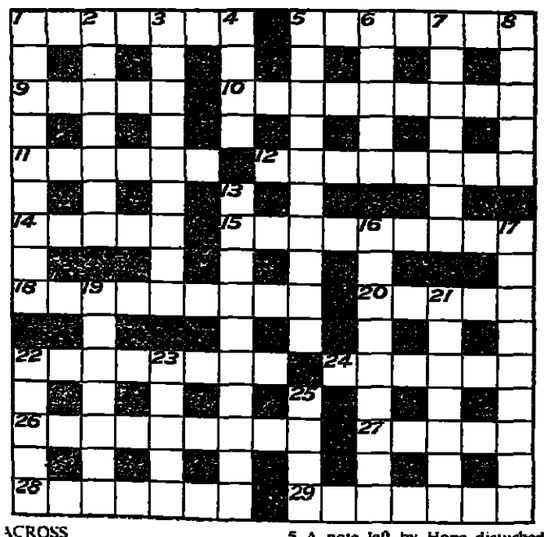
Down to Earth (the story of soil), Derby Museums and Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby; Tues to Sat 10 to 5; closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 26).

Royal Photographic Society's Annual International Print Exhibition, City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 12).

"Once in a lifetime – Halley's Comet" James Dun's House, 61 Schoolhill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; closed Sun (ends Nov 16).

"Animals in War" – photographs, Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, the Museum, 41 Long Street, Devises, Wilts; Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 5; closed Sun (ends Sept 28).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,850



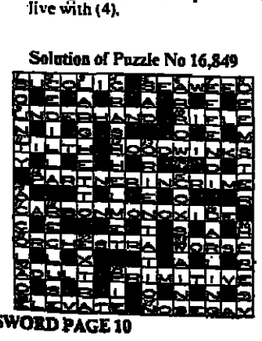
ACROSS

1 High and dry – a reason for it (7).
5 Had, unfortunately, one section to administer (7).
9 Weak Vice-Admiral gets the backwash (5).
10 True, these letters are for the leading lady (9).
11 May has a way with a hoax (6).
12 Move made pets act unreasonably (8).
14 Great trouble with an old buckler (5).
15 "For who would bear . . . The —'s wrong" (Hamlet) (9).
18 Poet about to return television to society girl (9).
20 Stout, yet turning aside (5).
22 Low Herb gets a set of books in plain wrapper (8).
24 Gamble recklessly in a dive (6).
26 Fundamental truth is capital, we hear (9).
27 Lives with a girl in spring (5).
28 Dress, then, in a way? Correct (7).
29 Drivers seen smashed — full of drink (7).

DOWN

1 Wanting a last drink, journalist made a plea (9).
2 One who is sorry about long run (7).
3 Experienced subordinate left (9).
4 Call about a smear (4).
5 A note left by Hope disturbed Absalom's follower (10).
6 Oriental wives' collective (5).
7 Dippy types are mad about the girl (7).
8 Note about fringe topic (5).
13 He couldn't stop for dinner (4,6).
16 Retired, sounding sad, and cracking up (9).
17 Like prose – and lacking reason, perhaps? (9).
19 Getting tight – result in holding the bill (7).
21 Old actor possesses one blessing (7).
22 His paymaster decides the programme (5).
23 Understood one to be in diplomacy (5).
25 Strong man's wife, explosive to live with (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,849



CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

TV top ten

Top television programmes in the week ending September 15:

BBC 1

1 Open All Hours, 15.95m
2 EastEnders (Thu/Sun), 15.10m
2= In Sickness and In Health, 15.10m
4 EastEnders (Tue/Sun), 13.25m
5 News and Weather (Sun 22:00), 11.65m
6 Just Good Friends, 10.95m
7 Whicker's World, 10.80m
8 Blankety Blank, 10.60m
9 Howard's Way (Sun), 10.35m
10 Dynasty, 9.85m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada, 15.45m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 13.90m
3 Minder, Thames, 13.85m
4 Fresh Fields, Thames, 13.75m
5 The Brothers McGregor, Granada, 12.55m
6 Dempsey and Makepeace, LWT, 12.20m
7 Russ Abbot's Madhouse, LWT, 12.00m
7= Deadly Messages, ITV, 12.00m
9 3-2-1, Yorkshire, 11.70m
10 Crossroads (Thu), Central, 11.10m

BBC 2

1 Buddy Holly, 5.00m
2 Sunday Grandstand, 4.10m
3 The New Statesman, 4.00m
4 My Brother Jonathan, 3.70m
4= Gardeners' World, 3.70m
6 The Natural World, 3.55m
7 Jack High (Fri), 3.40m
8 Jack High (Thu), 3.30m
9 Jack High (Sun), 3.15m
10 Star Trek, 3.10m

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.80m
2 Brookside (Tue/Sat) 5.40m
3 Man About The House, 4.50m
4 The Great Plant Collection, 3.15m
5 Semi-Tough, 2.80m
6 Hill Street Blues, 2.30m
7 Tell the Truth, 2.15m
8 American Football, 2.00m
9 Lou Grant, 1.95m
10 Budgie, 1.90m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parentheses showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.4m (7.5m). TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.0m (9.4m): Sat 2.5m, (Sat/Sun 5.8m).

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Water progress

The British Waterway Board's 1986 calendar, featuring one large photograph per month, each with several supporting smaller views, is now available at £3 (plus 65p p&p) from the Information Centre, Press & Publicity Office, BWB, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX. Discounts for bulk purchases.

Lake District films

Following the success of *Lakes Alive* the introductory audio-visual programme launched earlier this year, the Lake District National Park is now releasing two further programmes: *Lakeland Life*, depicting the working lives of various Lake District residents through a series of interviews with Peter Farrand, National Park Ranger; and *Enjoy the Fells in Safety*, in which Chris Bonington introduces this audio-visual programme about the Lake District fells. The hazards of the mountain environment are outlined together with advice on how best to cope with them. It covers planning, clothing, equipment, hill skills, leadership and dealing with emergencies. They are both £17.25 (plus £1.00 p&p) and can be obtained from: Youth and Schools Liaison Service, National Park Centre, Brochole, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1LJ.

The papers

The Star says that if President Mitterand is a man ofhonour he should resign over the sinking of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior. It comments: "The parallels with the Watergate scandal are there for all to see. Not only has a gross crime been committed. There has also been an equally despicable attempted cover-up. In the end the remorseless power of the truth forced President Nixon to quit. No British premier could possibly survive under such a cloud of undisguised deception".

On the same subject The Sun says that the plot to sink the nuclear protest ship Rainbow Warrior in Auckland Harbour, New Zealand, was hatched at the top of the French secret service. Comments: "It is hard to accept that the Prime Minister, Laurent Fabius, and even President Mitterrand, had no idea what was going on. The French have assured the Pacific countries that their nuclear experiments are perfectly safe. Why then don't they follow the Americans and the Russians and carry out underground tests in their own country? They could always use the sewers of Paris.

Roads

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow, only one lane for eastbound traffic between junctions 22 and 23 Chepstow to Magor, Gwent. A48: Single-lane traffic and temporary lights on both carriageways Neath River bridge (West Glamorgan). A431: Temporary lights at Willsbridge, between Bristol and Bath, Avon.

North: M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 32 (M55) and 33 (A6 Lancaster St access to Forton Services maintained, care required.

North: A1095: Traffic restrictions on Tees to Newport bridge, Cleveland; A666: Diversions between St Peters Way and Farnworth, Kearsley bypass, Greater Manchester.

Scotland: M6/A74: Delays for traffic travelling between Scotland and England due to resurfacing on A74 at end of M6 at junction 44. A87: Single line traffic at Invergarry. A835: Single line traffic at Kinlochwe (Ross and Cormarty), lights 24 hours a day.

Information supplied by AA

Weather

An anticyclone will persist over southern districts with a ridge of high pressure crossing northern areas.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, E, central N, NE England: Mainly dry with sunny intervals after the clearance of early morning fog patches; wind mainly SW light, max temp 19 to 21c (66 to 70f).

SE, central England: Mainly dry with sunny intervals, local coastal mist; wind light variable; max temp 19 to 21c (66 to 70f).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly dry, sunny intervals, isolated showers, local coastal mist; wind mainly SE light, max temp 17 to 19c (63 to 66f).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry with sunny intervals; wind S or SW light or moderate; max temp 16 to18c (16 to 64f).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Mainly dry with sunny intervals; wind S or SW light or moderate; max temp 15 to 17c (59 to 63f).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyle, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Mainly cloudy with some bright intervals; occasional rain or drizzle slowly dying out; wind S light or moderate; max temp 13 to 15 c (55 to 59f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Cloudy weather with outbreaks of rain spreading into NW Scotland on Wednesday will extend slowly SE, though most of England and Wales should remain dry with sunny periods. Overnight fog patches will become slower to clear on Thursday.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, strait of Dover: Wind light variable, mainly fair, sea smooth English Channel (E): Wind mainly SE light isolated showers, sea smooth. St George's Channel: Wind SE light, sea smooth. Irish Sea: Wind light, sea smooth.

Sun rises: 6.50 am — Sun sets: 6.55 pm
Moon sets: 12.53 am — Moon rises: 5.55 pm
Full Moon: September 29

Lighting-up time

London 7.25 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 7.34 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 7.37 pm to 6.34 am
Manchester 7.33 pm to 6.30 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 6.43 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	13	55	Guernsey	c	16	61
Birmingham	f	17	63	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	c	16	61	Jersey	c	16	61
Bristol	c	16	61	London	f	19	66
Cardiff	c	16	61	Manchester	c	16	61
Edinburgh	c	16	61	Newcastle	c	15	61
Glasgow	r	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	15	59

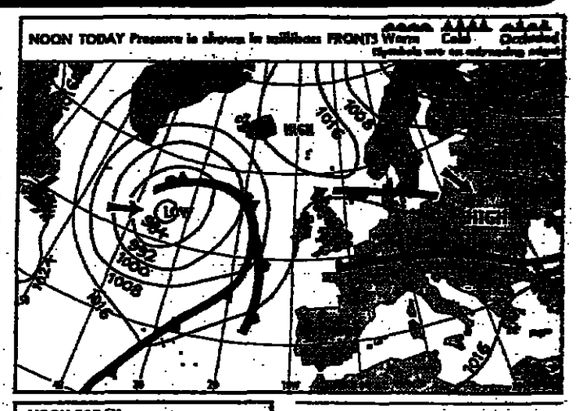
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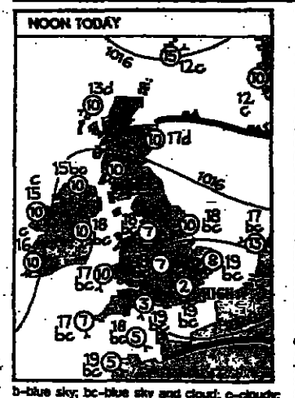
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7 9hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.6 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cromer 22C (72F); lowest day max: Kirkwall 9C (47F); highest rainfall: Leuchars 0.94in; highest sunshine: Hayling Island 10 1hr

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.24	5.7	11.19	6.9
Aberdeen	11 08	3.5	11.46	3.5
Avonmouth	3.49	8.3	4.35	9.5
Belfast	9.28	2.9	9.48	3.1
Cardiff	3.34	8.9	4.20	9.3
Devonport	2.42	4.1	3.17	4.5
Dover	8.27	5.2	9.20	5.4
Falmouth	2.12	3.9	2.47	4.3
Glasgow	9.34	3.9	10.44	4.0
Harwich	8.33	3.2	9.19	3.5
Holyhead	9 08	4.5	8.23	4.8
Hull	3.02	5.8	4.15	5.9
Ilfracombe	2.57	6.8	3.42	7.3
Leith			12.12	4.7
Liverpool	8.35	7.3	9.04	7.8
Lowestoft	6.12	2.1	7.32	2.2
Margate	8.38	3.9	9.50	4.1
Milford Haven	3.16	5.1	4.00	5.5
Newquay	2.17	5.2	2.58	5.6
Oban	4 11	2.9	4.23	3.3
Penzance	1.55	4.1	2.28	4.5
Portland	3.59	1.4	4.20	1.7
Portsmouth	9 01	3.8	9.21	3.8
Shoreham	9.26	4.3	9.49	4.6
Southampton	8.40	3.8	8.58	3.8
Swansea	3.18	7.0	4.01	7.5
Tees	12.27	4.2	1.34	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	8.27	2.3	9.26	2.6

Tide measurement is metres; 1ft=3.28048.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	5.8	–	18	64	sunny
Bridlington	1.4	.01	18	64	cloudy
Cromer	4.5	–	22	72	bright
Lowestoft	5.8	–	20	68	sunny
Clacton	8.5	–	21	70	sunny
Margate		–	20	68	sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	9.5	–	20	68	sunny
Hastings	7.7	–	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	9.0	–	19	66	sunny
Brighton	8.9	–	17	63	sunny
Worthing	9.0	–	18	64	sunny
Littlehmptn	8.2	–	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	9.7	–	19	66	sunny
Southsea	10.0	–	20	68	sunny
Sandown					
Shanklin	9.3	–	18	64	sunny
Bournemth	9.6	–	19	66	sunny
Poole	7.9	–	20	68	bright
Swanage	9.0	–	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	8.7	–	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	7.1	–	20	68	sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
WEST COAST					
Ilfracombe		–	17	63	bright
Tenby		–	17	63	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.2	.01	17	63	cloudy am
Southport					
Morecambe	0.2	–	16	61	cloudy
Douglas	0.4	.06	14	57	bright pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	7.9	–	21	70	sunny
B'ham (Airp)	8.4	–	19	66	sunny
Bristol (Cen)	3.7	–	18	64	bright
Cardiff (Cen)	2.6	–	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	2.3	–	17	63	cloudy
B'pool (Airp)	1.2	.01	17	63	showers pm
Manchester	0.3	–	16	61	cloudy
Nottingham	3.9	–	18	64	sunny pm
N'cstl-a-Tyne	2.8	–	18	64	showers pm
Carlisle	0.1	.14	15	59	rain
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	–	.66	13	55	rain
Prestwick	–	.28	15	59	rain
Glasgow	–	.64	15	59	drizzle
Tiree	–	.83	14	57	rain am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
Ajaccio	s	26	79
Alicante	s	32	90
Alexandria		–	–
Algiers	s	27	81
Amsterdam	f	19	66
Athens	s	28	79
Bahrain	s	35	95
Barbados*	s	29	84
Barcelona	s	26	79
Beirut	s	31	88
Belgrade	s	29	84
Berlin	f	14	57
Bermuda*	f	28	82
Biarritz	f	22	72
Bologne	c	17	63
Bordeaux	s	24	75
Brussels	f	19	66
Budapest	f	25	77
Buen Aires*	s	21	70
Cairo		–	–
Cape Tn	r	16	61
Chicago	s	24	75
Chicago*	cl	28	79
Ch'church*	s	16	61
Cologne	c	21	70
Copenhgn	s	15	59
Corfu	s	27	81
Dublin	c	15	59
Dubrovnik	s	28	82
Faro	s	27	81
Florence	s	28	82
Frankfurt	c	22	72
Funchal	f	25	77
Geneva	s	23	73
Gibraltar	s	25	77
Helsinki	c	11	52
Hong Kong	c	29	84
Innsbruck	s	23	73
Istanbul	s	21	70
Jeddah	s	35	95
Jo'burg		–	–
Karachi	s	31	88
Las Palmas	s	25	77
Lisbon	s	25	77
Locarno	s	24	75
L Angeles*	s	23	73
Luxembg	c	20	68
Madrid	s	28	79
Majorca	s	28	82
Malaga	f	23	77
Malta	f	27	73
Melbourne	s	20	68
Mexico C		–	–
Miami*	f	27	81
Milan	s	17	63
Montreal*	s	27	81
Moscow	c	6	43
Munich	s	25	77
Nairobi	f	24	75
Naples	s	30	86
New Delhi	f	32	90
New York*	s	31	88
Nice	s	26	79
Oslo	s	12	54
Paris	c	24	75
Peking	c	13	55
Perth	s	14	57
Prague	f	17	63
Reykjavik		9	48
Rhodes	s	29	77
Riyadh	s	39	102
Rio de Jan	s	25	75
Rome	s	30	86
Salzburg	s	23	73
San Paulo*	f	19	66
S Francisco*	s	17	63
Santiago*	s	21	70
Seoul	f	27	81
Singapore	s	27	81
Stockholm	f	11	52
Strasbourg	s	25	77
Sydney	c	19	66
Tangier	c	21	70
Tel Aviv	s	34	93
Tenerife	s	26	79
Tokyo	f	17	63
Toronto*	s	27	81
Tunis		–	–
Valencia	s	27	81
Vancouver*	f	17	63
Venice	s	26	79
Vienna	f	17	63
Warsaw	f	13	55
Washington*	s	29	84
Wellington*	f	14	57
Zurich	s	24	75

*denotes Sunday's figures not latest available